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OPENING SENTENCE/GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. HS: Church family, welcome. We are so happy to have you here. You know, there has never been a day of your life that you have not been loved. You are God's child and He loves connecting with you through prayer, and prayer is not the same thing as worrying. Prayer is a time to cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

BS: That's a good word. And with that, let's begin our service with some prayer. Father, we thank you that you love us. Thank you that we're all here because you wanted us to be here. And I just believe, Father, that everybody who's in this building and watching on television, Lord, that something good is about to happen. I pray Father that through your Holy Spirit, you'd speak to us, lift our hearts, and draw us closer to you. We pray all these things, of course, in Jesus' name, amen.

HS: Amen. Turn around and shake the hand of the person next to you and say God loves you and so do I.

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for Bobby's message, we are doing Psalm 23 again and we're doing it throughout the whole series, and we want it to be more than just a scripture reading, but a time of meditation. So if you want to close your eyes during it, or at some posture that you're able just to kind of let it sink into your soul, I invite you to do that during this time.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

God is worthy of our trust. Amen.

INTERVIEW – CHLOE HOWARD

BS: With us today is Chloe Howard, a young author and speaker with a story of challenges and triumphs. She offers encouragement to those going through their own struggles by showing them how to stand beautiful, which is actually the name of her children's book. Please welcome with me, Chloe Howard. A big part of your story actually has to do with being born with a foot deformity, and maybe we can just start there and how that's impacted your life, and kind of where that led you.

CH: My parents were actually told that I may not be born alive. Four months before I was born, my parents saw on the ultrasound a hole in my heart, two club feet, and were told that they should abort me. By the grace of God they didn't and I was born four months later happy and healthy. Miraculously the hole in my heart was healed and only one club foot remained. I was born with a severely deformed foot, upside down and backwards, missing seven toe nails, but I grew up loving my foot, and even though I had many surgeries to correct this deformity, I knew that God loved me, that my foot was special, and that I was worth it.

BS: Your foot was actually born upside down and backwards. And I love that you didn't, as a child, not only did you not care, you thought it was something that just made you special, and in a way, it really was.

CH: Yes, I actually believed that I had a super power, that there was something secret and unique about me that no one else had. I grew up watching Veggie Tales. I don't know if you guys know what that is, but they had this line that they showed at the end of this children's show that said you are loved and worth it, and this truth I felt like was proclaimed over my life.

BS: And your parents, that same thing, right? You're a child of God, you're a treasure to Christ and all this stuff was ingrained into you, and then that idea that you lived with was then one day challenged in a pretty profound way. Tell us a little bit about that.

CH: My freshman year in high school in 2014, I was assaulted on my Christian high school campus because of my foot deformity. On November 20th, 2014, I was restrained, my arms held to my sides, and without my consent, I was lifted up, my sock and shoe ripped off and my deformed foot held out in front of me. I remember standing there in the lunch quad at this Christian school where I wanted to feel safe, looking at my little scared, permanently discolored toenail-less foot, held out in front of me, and for the first time in my life, I felt ashamed of the part of me I had always been told made me special. And I didn't know what or how God could work that out.

BS: It's interesting that that happened at a Christian school, too. But this actually really led, I mean in earnest, it led to a time of depression and self doubt, and a lot of the stuff, and this is still, I mean you're only 18, right? So this is not that long ago, and in an age of Instagram and things like that, it was probably very easy to.. how did you get through that and how did you break through all of that sort of dark period?

CH: Yes, it was a really hard time for my life. I struggled with PTSD, depression, suicidal thoughts. I felt like this identity that I had grown up with of worthiness and beauty that came directly from God was completely rewired, and I didn't know who I was or how God could be working in this, but of course God showed up like He does, even in my anger and sadness. I ended up randomly meeting U-2's Bono..

BS: Wait, say that again.

CH: The lead singer of the band U-2, Bono. I ended up telling him my story. He spoke truth over my life and said that what happened to me is an injustice.

BS: Did you just like see him at a café or like..

CH: So we're a family that doesn't win anything, ever, but my dad randomly happened to win this contest through Amaze, which is based out of LA and so we were flown out to Denver. I told him my story and he said Chloe, you need to start speaking out. And so that challenged me a year later, at age 16, to give my first Ted Talk, and I stood up there barefoot on that stage, that iconic red Ted circle, and felt just overwhelmed with God's faithfulness.

BS: I think that's awesome, and so you wrote this children's book now, which has been a huge success. Diane, who's one of the producers of our show, really involved, her granddaughter loves your books. It's her favorite book. And it's had a big impact on kids, hasn't it.

CH: It has. Yes, I actually have written two books: the children's picture book and then the memoir, which is an autobiography. And I believe that the message of self acceptance and love and anti bullying and the worthiness that Jesus proclaims over us, all of which can be found on my website: standbeautiful.me. That message isn't gender specific, isn't age specific. Everyone in this whole world needs to know that only they have the power to determine what their labels are, and that society tries and labels us with these imperfections, but God looks down and calls each of us so beautiful and so worthy.

BS: Amen. That's the Christian message. Well that's great. What would you say, just as a parting word to maybe some other teenagers, college students, or anyone that really struggles with the self doubt and just feeling like there's something wrong with them or some part of their body they don't like or something like that. What would you say to them?

CH: I would say that you are so worthy. That society tries and throws these things at us and a lot of our time we can sit in this moment and feel crushed by the weight of the reality, but the truth is that God has a plan for us that is so much bigger and greater than anything we could ever imagine.

So you're not alone in what you're going through. There is life beyond this dark time, and God redeems us every single day.

BS: Such a great word, Chloe. Thank you. Chloe Howard, everyone. Thank you, God bless you for your message! We appreciate you!

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Friends, will you hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving from the Lord. We're going to say this creed 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 "Trust in God: The Key to Life"

Today we're talking about this idea in Psalm 23, the idea that a person like David could say something like 'I lack nothing.' That even when he's being chased and has lost everything, and he's thirsty, and he doesn't know where his next meal is going to come from, David was the kind of guy that lived with this weird sufficiency on the inside. Weird is truly the word. We'll get to that in a second.

But imagine that someone could actually say 'the Lord's my shepherd, I lack nothing.' And I want you to know that's true for you. Yes, you might have shortcomings, you might have mistakes, addictions, things you wrestle with, doubts and fears, but no matter what, I want you to know the Lord is your shepherd; that you lack nothing. That He takes you by streams of living water. That when you're with Him, you can lay down in green pastures and to your heart's content eat whatever you need; that your cup overflows! That you have tremendous abundance, not only of what you need through resources but time and joy and love and all of these things, I want you to know that that is a real thing that the Lord offers us. And today we're going to talk about some of the keys to freeing that up in our life so that we really can feel it.

First of all, the idea of saying 'I lack nothing,' that's really a weird thing to say, isn't it? It's better and more normal to say 'I'm busy.' It's normal to say 'I'm so stressed out.' It's normal to say oh, 'I don't know how I'm going to pay my bills.' Those are what normal people say. It's the weird people that say 'I have everything I need. I lack nothing.' Imagine going into work tomorrow and somebody greets you: 'hey Bill, how you doing?' And you say 'well, as a matter of fact, because the Lord is my shepherd, I just lack nothing.' Everybody would be like.. Yes.

So the thing is the default in culture is to be in need; to be hurried, to not have enough, to worry, to lack. This is one of the ways people actually manage you. This is the way people can make sure and handle you and make sure that you do what you're supposed to do is by leaning into your lack.

And this is one of the great things that we receive when we get into this new mindset of the gospel, that the Holy Spirit, through favor and grace, that God gives us everything we need right when we need it. That we can wake up in the morning and in our minds and hearts know I lack nothing. I can be generous today. I can give peace today. I can be unhurried today. I can love my neighbor today.

See when we feel like we don't have enough, when we lack everything, then we live for ourselves, we put the walls up, we become defensive, we don't want to hear anyone that disagrees with us, but when we live from a place of sufficiency, we give, we trust, we love, we fight for people that need us.

And this is what we talked about a bit last week. Last week we talked about Satan, an interesting topic, and the way that he does this to us – that as in chess, great chess players always have the same opening move; Satan always has the same opening move. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, or a better way of saying it, that he makes you obsessed about your physical needs, even though they're good needs, right? You have to eat. He makes us obsessed over these things. He makes us obsessed over the lust of eyes: that is how we look, our reputation, being respected. And then that leads, of course, to obsession with ego, that 'how dare you say that to me, don't you know who I am?' Being offended, putting walls up. And this is the way that Satan twists the things that we really need and causes us to deceive ourselves into putting walls up and retracting and shrinking our world.

Well God frees us into a life of sufficiency with the three opposite things of those, and when we trust and lean into these things, our world expands, it becomes bigger, it becomes more sufficient. We truly really do overflow with everything that we need.

And if you have a pen, write these down. We're only going to talk about one of them today, but the three keys that open up this life without lack are faith first, death to self is the second one, and agape love is the third one. And we're going to talk about those two next week, but first we have to talk about faith because if you don't have faith, you can't go into a place of death to self and agape love. Your love for others and your sort of death to self will often be fragile and legalistic, and that's not good.

Well, we talk a lot about this idea of faith in churches. We must, we're saved by grace through faith, is our confessions and creeds in the scriptures say. Very often when we talk about faith, we give it this very mystic thing. Faith, like it's this magical thing and though it is magical, in a sense, it's not as mystic as you might think. Faith is very simple. It just merely means to trust. It means to trust. All of you who came in this morning and sat in your pew, you had faith in your pew, presumably most of you did. You probably didn't before you sat in go like all right, let me see here. Check and make sure all the screws are right, kind of wiggle it a little bit to make sure it was. A lot of us had a lot over Christmas, maybe, and I don't know if it's going to hold me. No, I mean you just sat in it, right? Most of us did. You had faith that your pew would hold you up for an hour or so. There's no reason to doubt that. There's no reason for any of us to doubt that. And we have trust in all sorts of things.

Faith is this reliance on something in both attitude and action. That means that you have an attitude and a posture of faith no matter what. And faith is a gift. Faith is a real gift. It's a gift from God. It's not something we drum up it's something that God gives us. That's why if you have a little bit of faith, I think that that's enough. God can turn your little bit of faith into a lot of faith.

There's this wonderful story in Mark chapter 9 where there's this father and he has a son who's been demon possessed since he was just a little boy. And this has caused all sorts of harm to this kid, and he's been trying to help his kid be better, and now his kid's an adult. And he brings this boy to Jesus' apostles, and they do all they can do try and cast this demon out and nothing happens.

And finally the father sees Rabbi Jesus a ways off, and he brings his boy along with him, who's writhing and has all of these weird things. And he says "Jesus, heal my son." And he says to Him, "If you can do anything, please just do it." And Jesus' responds to him: "if I can do anything?" That's what the scriptures say. And then responds "anything is possible for him who believes." And then I love the father's response. It's like something out of a Russian novel. It's perfect. He looks at Jesus and he says, "I believe. Help me with my unbelief." You ever feel that way? Who here has felt that way? I believe. Help me with my unbelief. I believe, I don't believe. I believe with all my heart. I believe with a little bit. This is a part of the Christian faith that there are times in our lives where you say I do believe but I don't believe. It's this weird double mindedness.

And very often we feel guilty about that. Like we feel like I need to believe a hundred percent no matter what. Well guess what: faith is a gift from God. It's not something you will, it's not something you can make happen: it's a gift from God. And just give the part of you that believes, give it to the Lord in the same way that this father had enough belief to bring his son to the Lord, have enough faith in the Lord to bring your needs to God when you need them. It's okay if you have a little bit of doubt. Isn't that freeing? Don't feel guilty for times when you feel doubt. That's okay. We all feel that way. Even pastors. Sometimes pastors most of all, everyone. And that is okay. Faith is a gift so don't feel guilty about not having faith. Merely, have enough faith to take action and to change your attitude.

Faith, as I said earlier, is a reliance on something in both attitude and action, but sometimes its only action only. So great example is like an airplane. Is anybody a little nervous when they fly on airplanes? So none of you fly, then? Look I fly all the time and I feel nervous sometimes. Actually, when I first started flying a lot, I used to be way more nervous, and as I'd walk in the plane, I had to like put my hand on the little like logo of the plane as I'm walking through, and say a little pray. Very superstitious. And then I remember once I forgot to do that as I was starting to relax and trust the plane, and I was like oh man, I hope we make it. I hope we make it.

I remember once when I was flying with a lady, she was about my mom's age, and she sat next to me, and she was flying from Orange County to Texas to see her daughter who had just had a baby, so she was a new grandma. And she looked wealthy. She looked very dignified, and I could tell this was going to be difficult for her, and she was terrified of flying. She told me this when she sat next to me. She said 'I just want you to know I'm a little worried sometimes when it comes to flying and I just want to ask your forgiveness in advance.' I said 'don't worry about it.' And so when the plane began to take off, she goes OH and grabbed my arm like this. And in mid flight she goes OH and she grabbed my, you know, but it goes WHOOSH like this and she goes 'I'm so sorry. Whenever there's a jolt, sometimes I might grab you and I apologize.' And I said that's fine,

All right, anyway. I've totally lost everybody. So for her, like for flying, like WHOAH, this whole thing, you imagine that the more she fly's the less that will happen. That's true. The more you take action in life according to your faith, the more your attitude will change. That's why none of us mostly are afraid of driving, right? I have faith in my car, even though I'm not currently driving it, and that frees me from worrying about how to get home after church today. Right? So as we rely on God and we trust in Him, that He'll do what He said He would do when we need Him most, it frees us now from worrying about what will happen later. That's what faith is. Faith is not all of this big mystical stuff, its merely trusting God with my attitudes and my actions and my life. And you can't live without faith in something or someone because faith is tied to the future. If we don't have faith, we become crippled by worry and we can accomplish nothing. But the opposite happens when we're full of faith and we trust the Lord, the kingdom of God is totally opened up to us and we truly can do anything if we believe. And this is the wonderful thing about the kingdom of God.

In the scripture, there are three types of faith. There are more than three, but these are three that stand out, well at least to Dallas Willard in the scriptures. And the first is faith of propriety. This is because I do what is good and right, God will be there for me. Because I've followed the list of things you're supposed to do, or we might say because I have been wise, or because I have looked for advice, or because I've planned everything out, God will do what He said He would do.

This is the faith that Job has at the beginning of the story of Job. Job honors God, sacrifices things to God, worships God, and Satan goes to the Lord, and God says to Satan, look how great my servant Job is. He loves me. He adores me. And Satan, of course, says well that's just because you've given him all this stuff. He's rich and he's healthy and everything's going great in his life. Take it away and watch what happens to his faith. So Satan essentially says it's only a faith of propriety. And he's insinuating that he only trusts in you because you've given him all these things.

But I just want to say that faith of propriety, that God blesses a faith of propriety still. Even though it's not the ideal kind of faith, especially for new believers, or children or teenagers or people in their 20's, I do see God respond to a faith of propriety. We sort of need that early on in our faith and I think that's okay. Maybe you're there today and you're doing everything right, and you say well God's blessed me, and He just probably did. Everything that's good in our life comes from God. But very often we do everything right in our faith and everything starts to fall apart and then we have a crisis of faith and we wonder well where is God now? And this leads to the second kind of faith: a faith of desperation. Have you ever been there before? Maybe you're there now. This leans into that old saying there's no atheists in a foxhole, right? When things are really, really, really bad and you haven't been to church in awhile, you haven't opened your Bible in awhile, haven't prayed but things get horrible in your life, all of a sudden you run to God. I want you to know that God honors that kind of faith, too. Isn't that great? God is so merciful and joyful and generous. That even the atheist in the foxhole, God will hear his prayer and respond, even though he's desperate. And this is the faith, again, that Job has when everything is taken from me. When Job is there and with a piece of clay, he is scraping the boils on his skin and in that season, he says "though he slay me, yet will I trust Him." It's the faith that parents, in particular have when they come running to the Lord for their child; the same faith that this father had – "Lord, I believe. Help me with my unbelief." He's just like whatever you need, just please help my son. It's the faith that the apostles have when they wake up Jesus in the storm. They're all great sailors, but their propriety has failed them and they don't think Jesus is a great sailor, they just assume, in their desperation that He's going to be able to do something about this storm. It's this faith that the Syrophenician woman had when she came to Jesus and Jesus seemingly says the meanest thing I've ever heard almost anyone ever say.

I don't know if I have time to talk about it but this is very much like the last scene of Willy Wonka. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you need to watch Willy Wonka. It's like the gospel. It's great.

The Syrophenician woman comes to Jesus and she says 'Lord, heal my daughter.' There it is again. And Jesus looks at her and says 'do the dogs eat from the food that is set out for the children?' What He's saying is Syrophenician's are dogs and Jews are God's true children. Okay, now if you've read the gospel, you'd know that Jesus doesn't care anything about the difference between Samaritans, Syrophenician's or Jews, and you know that Pharisees and apostles are watching, and probably those Pharisees were like yes, get him, Jesus. This Jesus guy ain't so bad. And her response not offended, not bothered at all by that. Her response, what does she say. You remember? "Even the dogs eat the crumbs from the children's table." Total desperation. Please, I don't care, just heal my child. And you can almost see Jesus like jump up and down and go look! This is great faith! This is what I'm talking about! She's only one of two people in the whole gospels that Jesus says has great faith.

The reason He said that was not for her.. I still feel like she does not even know what this is about, but the apostles and the Pharisees and others who may be watching, He's like this is great faith. And of course the daughter is healed. And this is the faith of desperation.

Last scene of Willy Wonka, all of the kids have gotten knocked out and finally Charlie's the last one, and he's supposed to get a lifetime supply of chocolate. And he's there with Willy Wonka, Gene Wilder, and the grandpa. And Gene Wilder dismisses him. And then the grandpa says, 'but what about Charlie's prize?' He says 'what prize?' He says 'the lifetime supply of chocolate.' And Willy Wonka says, 'he doesn't get any.' And he says 'well why not?' And he says 'because you broke the rules.' And the grandpa says 'what rules? Charlie, we didn't see any rules.'

And then, of course, Willy Wonka goes into this crazed thing. He goes 'wrong sir! Wrong! He signed this document and you can see for yourself clearly on this photo static copy, I the undersigned, etc., etc., forfeit all rights and privileges, etc., etc., fax mentis incendium cultum, it's right there crystal clear, black and white. He stole fizzy lifting drink.' I don't remember it all. 'Now the tunnels have to be cleaned and washed and sterilized so you get nothing. Good day, sir!' And then with that, the grandpa says 'come on Charlie, we're going to go give the thing to' what was his name? I can't remember all that line, I don't remember: Slugworth.

And so they're walking out of the thing, and little Charlie broken hearted, takes this thing that he could get a million dollars and help his family if he sells it to Slugworth, and instead walks back to Willy Wonka, and like puts it on his desk and he says, 'Mr. Wonka,' and then like walks out. It's like a really this sweet scene. And then what happens? Willy Wonka grabs it and he goes 'Charlie! You won! You won! You did it!' And he was testing him to see if he was truly a boy of character.

This is how Jesus is, the whole point of this. This is what Jesus is doing with the Syrophenician woman. Jesus, to everyone, seemed a little bit crazy, like a wizard. But He really wasn't. He was just opening up the whole world to these people who had put God into this little narrow horrible box that the Pharisees had created for them; this sort of wrathful God of propriety. And Jesus was just opening up this whole world to them. Look at the grandeur and the joy that God takes in blessing His children. That was a God that the Pharisees could not imagine. It was the God of the Old Testament.

Okay. So that's what happens when we're in this place of lack and desperation. We have faith and we turn to God and God responds to that because He's so good and gracious. But when we come through those seasons, very often it finally brings us to the best kind of faith, the truest kind of faith and that is a faith of sufficiency; the faith of sufficiency. It's a faith that Job has at the end of his story. It's the faith that the apostles have after they're full of the Holy Spirit, that even when they're persecuted, or when things aren't going their way, they lack nothing; that they just say Lord, I trust you. You've been too good to me, too gracious, too kind, and it's that kind of faith, sufficiency faith that gives the miracle working power and wisdom and knowledge and influence – that they can truly say I lack nothing. I lack nothing. Just like Psalm 23.

It's this kind of faith that James is talking about in James chapter 1 when he says "consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters. Whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work." You got to let it finish. Let perseverance finish its work. Why?

“So that you may be mature and complete; not lacking anything.” I want to be that way. That is the faith of sufficiency. That when you’ve been first through that place of propriety – oh, I’m doing everything right, everything’s going great, and then everything falls apart. And then you have that faith of desperation – where is God? I trust in you anyway. Lord, help me. And then you come through and you persevere and you endure the suffering, the great gift is in the older ages of our faith as we pursue God. We can truly wake up in the morning and say the Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He’s just nourishing my soul at all times, giving me everything I need. I’m everything I need to be, I have everything I need to have, God will give me everything I need right when I need it. I can trust Him. Amen? The faith of sufficiency. And it’s this kind of faith that just opens up a whole world, and particularly it allows us to move into this place of death to self and agape love, which we’ll talk about next week.

But for now, I just want to close with these two thoughts. What do we do now? First, again, faith is a gift. You can’t manufacture faith, you can’t will faith in your life, it’s a gift from God. This is why I don’t worry about people who have a little bit of faith. If you have a little bit of faith, like a seed, just hold onto it and carry it in your soul and it will grow into a lot of faith. If you need more faith, just ask for it and God will give it to you. If you say like that man – Lord, I believe - help me with my unbelief, God responds to that kind of a prayer and He’ll give you more faith in greater measure as you need it, a faith of sufficiency.

And finally, the second thought, and this is very important. I know this through not only the scriptures, but through experience: when faith moves, it moves in groups. Faith moves in groups. You can definitely see that in the great moves of God that have happened over the last thousands of years. But just think of these many stories. The story of when Jesus goes back to Nazareth, His hometown, and the scriptures say that He was unable to do any miracles there because none of the people in Nazareth believed in Jesus. There was just no faith to be seen in the city, and that’s when Jesus famously says “a prophet would..” how does it go? “The prophet has no honor in his hometown,” or something like that.

When Jesus goes to raise Jairus’ daughter from the dead, there are people weeping and mourning, and He says don’t be sad, she’s only sleeping. And, of course, they laugh. She was dead. Even back then, people knew the difference between someone who was dead and someone who was sleeping. And in their laughing, Jesus dismisses them all. And it says that until they left, He needed to have people of faith there so the only people that He would allow in the room were, I think it was Peter and James.

Or another story when the man, the lame man, they dig a hole through the roof and they lower the man through the roof to be healed by Jesus and He heals them. And remember what He says? He doesn’t say that the man who was lowered had faith, He says his friends had faith. All of you had faith.

So I’ve found, very often, that faith moves in groups. This is simply to say get around people of faith. Get around people of faith. And let me say when I say get around people of faith, I’m not saying get around Christians because there are lots of Christians who don’t have any faith at all. When I say get around people of faith, I mean people who trust in the Lord. People who you see really are full of faith. Who pray with power, and authority. People who you can clearly see death to self and agape love is evident in their actions towards their neighbor. People who freely give peace and aren’t hurried when they need to be hurried, are relaxed when they should be afraid, people who are full of faith! The one person you can think of, if you thought okay, if I was going to make a list of three people that I would want to pray for me if I had cancer or something, those are the three people you want to start hanging out with. And it doesn’t mean you don’t hang out with people that don’t have faith, right? We must always love our neighbor, and we don’t want to live in a bubble, but notice that faith moves in groups. If you want faith in your life, be in a faithful group.

God is the author of our faith and He gives it freely to those who ask. Maybe you’re in a tough place today. I want you to know I believe very much that God has written the last chapter of your life. Very often we don’t know all the stuff in the middle, but just like you can turn to the back of a novel and look at what’s going to happen at the end of your life, I want you to know it’s going to be good. You can trust in the Lord from chapter one to chapter 17 or whatever it is.

And whatever it is you're going through, I want you to know you're not alone. Not only is God with you, but we're with you. Look around at these people in this church. We love you, we're with you, you're not alone and whatever it is you're going through, and you can trust that God will respond to your faith, He will. Trust in Him and things will change.

So Lord, we ask for faith. Many of us say with conviction here Lord I believe. Help me with my unbelief. Many of us, Lord, only one percent of us can believe. Ninety nine percent doubts, but one percent believes. Lord, we lean into that one percent and we give it to you, and we ask that you would receive it. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, amen.

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

BS: I'm so glad you were here today. Come back next week, come worship with us. I believe your week is going to be full of more joy and opportunity and life. I just pray that the Holy Spirit follows you this whole week and that you have everything you need, and you will.

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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