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

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

HS: Welcome, first time visitors and church family. It is a joy to be with you.

BS: Let's pray. Father, thank you so much that you've called us into your house. And we pray in Jesus' name that your Holy Spirit would move in a profound way. Lord, I'm asking that you would speak directly to people. Lord, use the music, use my words, use Hannah's words and anybody else in this space, but we pray most of all, that somehow people would hear directly from you. We're asking this is 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 – Genesis 25:27-34 – Hannah Schuller

The writing of Moses found in Genesis 25:27:

The boys grew up and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau. But Rebekah loved Jacob. Once, when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew. I'm famished." Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is a birthright to me?" But Jacob said "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Church family, we are striving to walk in the spirit and not in our flesh. Amen.

INTERVIEW – Bruno Serato (BRUNO) – Bobby Schuller (BS)

BS: Well our guest today is Bruno Serato, a celebrity chef, restaurateur, philanthropist and he's the owner of the Anaheim White House restaurant and the founder of the Caterina's Club. Many of you have been there, it's a great restaurant here in town. He's a founder of the Caterina's Club, which serves meals to underprivileged children. Hi, Bruno.

BRUNO: Hi.

BS: Great to see you. Bruno Serato, I think one reason you got a standing ovation here is so many people, one, have eaten your pasta and it's really good. But number two, people in town know what you do for children in Orange County for hungry kids and I think it means the world to all of us, it means the world to God, and I know it means the world to you, doesn't it.

BRUNO: Well yes, I mean I guess there's what God told me to do on earth. It's my mission, and this is my mission. He make me work a lot, I be honest with you. But that's okay.

BS: Yes, yes sure.

BRUNO: When you make children happy that's what counts.

BS: So how did you get started, first of all, in the restaurant world and hospitality and all that?

BRUNO: Well I was 14-years-old from Verona, city of Romeo and Juliet in Italy. Mom and dad had a small mom and pop place, and I was a dishwasher, I was a waiter, I was a bartender, and I was assistant to mom the chef.

BS: Yes, who was momma! Yes!

BRUNO: She was momma Caterina, which the foundation is named after her, if you don't know why because she's the first one who told me – feed the kids some pasta.

BS: That's great.

BRUNO: Yes.

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BS: And of course White House has amazing food, and you already succeeded well in business and restaurants, but you wanted to do more with your life. When was the first time you started this foundation and you started actually having big groups of kids that you're feeding?

BRUNO: Well April 18, 2005 mom came to visit me from Italy. Cold in Europe, sunshine California. She love it here. And we went to Boys Girls Club in Anaheim that was 4:00 afternoon, the little kids eating potato chips, something normal. But the director told me do you know Bruno, that is most probably their dinner tonight. I said why? He say we have a lot of motel kids, or section eight, underprivileged kids, kids in need, a lot of kids go home at night there's nobody to cook for them or mom can't or don't have the money or she's not there. My mom of seven kids her own, loved children, she say but Bruno, why don't you feeding pasta to the kids. That was the first kids. Fourteen years ago in one city, one location. Now we are at 5,000 kids a day, we are in 30 cities in Orange County, and in 90 locations. And just recently we celebrated the three millionth meal served to kids.

BS: Wow! Amazing! I love it. So this is.. like you think, wow, all this amazing stuff is happening, and you're helping all these people, and then isn't it crazy how sometimes this can happen, that's like your restaurant, which you love, it's a landmark, it's been around forever, there was an electrical fire and it burned to the ground a few years ago.

BRUNO: Yes, people were shocked because like how can that happen to Bruno when he's feeding thousands of kids a day. But accidents happen all over the world. And I was working in the restaurant till midnight prepare for my 30 years anniversary, and when I get home, I get phone call at 4:00 AM that the restaurant was on fire. Honestly thought it was a joke of some prank.. something like that. And drove back to the White House and I saw everything on fire. I was pretty devastated. First of all, because 30 years of love that I put on my business, but at the same time, I didn't have any more kitchen to cook for the kids, and I had the 50/60 employees looking for a job the next day. I mean I cried, I cried a lot. But I received a one phone call the morning from Bishop Vann from the Christ Cathedral and he say Chef Bruno, I just heard the news. I say do you need a kitchen? I said that was like a gift of God – do you need a kitchen. I say yes. Starting tomorrow you have your own kitchen over here at the Cathedral. I said thank you. And that was great help because the next day, I was cooking for the kids. Completely forgot that the restaurant was gone because I was with kids and do what I loved the most – cooking pasta for the children. I mean we never lost a day. And right after, I start to call friends in hospitality industry to hire my crew because I didn't have anything left, but my crew also they have a family to support, a payment, and we were able to find a job to everybody in 30/45 days.

BS: Oh, and it's so great that you care about your employees that much, too. I love that. Isn't it amazing when you're going through one of the greatest tragedies of your life, but then you continue to do what you love. You take your eyes off yourself and you start helping kids, how much that can help you through a difficult time. It's probably a lesson for all of us.

BRUNO: Yes, yes, one of the things which I share because we're in the house of God, when the fireman let me go into the restaurant that afternoon, he says is there anything you're looking for? I said well everything's gone. Five thousand debris. I said there was only one item and that came in a bottle. It was a rosary given to me by Pope Francis. And he said well let me look for it. I said it's impossible, because it was a little cross. But guess what: after a few minutes, the cross came up on a mill of thousand of ashes. I say okay, that is a sign of God I must keep going and worse things happen in life and I can't give up. And that's the moment that they make me keep going.

BS: That's amazing. Bruno Serato, thank you so much. You can find out more on Caterina's Club and we're just so thankful to have somebody like you in our life and three and a half million meals so far. We're going to believe for 350 million more.

BRUNO: Thank you.

BS: We love you, Bruno. Great.

BRUNO: Thank you.

BS: Appreciate you.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Friends, will you hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving. Let's 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!

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MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Treasure Your Birthright "

You know all of us are born in this world with a great calling. I believe that about you. I think that all of us have this sense of angst in us that we believe we're supposed to do something special with our lives; that our lives have purpose, that it has a meaning, that we're called to do something great. And I believe that the greatest way to unlock that greatness in your life is to devote your life to following Jesus Christ, and to dedicate your life to being more like Him.

I think all of us as Christians truly believe that Christ calls us to do great things, but we have to do those things on a narrow, difficult road. And that means if you're a believer, or if you're a Christian, that you're oftentimes called to make difficult choices for your integrity, you're called to do what's meaningful or sacrificial now, even though it doesn't necessarily benefit you in the short run.

And today we're going to talk about the importance of achieving the greatness in our lives by not giving up our birthright. Our birthright. That's not just a blessing, it's the double blessing; it's the power of God, it's the life of the gospel in you, its heaven, it's a whole bunch of things for you, that when we endure hardship, when we refuse to take a shortcut, when we decide to always do the next right thing, we are plowing towards a birthright outcome, a huge double portion, and that's what I want for you and that's what the Lord wants for you today.

I think one of the greatest threats to this in your life and my life is the way in which so many of us are getting used to instant gratification. First of all, I'm a big believer in delayed gratification. I think that if you're just not sure, it's almost always better to practice delayed gratification just to remind yourself that you're in control, not the chocolate cake. You're in control. Or whatever it is that you might struggle with. And it teaches us, by practicing delayed gratification, it teaches us that sometimes the best thing in life takes sacrifice. Sometimes it means we don't do what's expedient, we do what matters; we do what's important, even though it doesn't always benefit us right away.

We live in a culture of instant gratification, don't we? We really do. And it's an amazing, amazing time to be alive. Think about all the amazing things you can get cheaply all the time. Some guy in the 80's decided that people shouldn't have to put shoes on to eat pizza and he created pizza delivery. Maybe it was the 70's, was it? How long has it been around? We don't realize how big of a deal delivering pizzas was for us. It was the first step to a whole industry. Later, some guy at a Chinese restaurant thought well if people shouldn't put on shoes to eat pizza, they shouldn't have to put on shoes to eat Chinese food. And so started delivering and today we have Post Mates and Uber Eats. You can get food anywhere, anytime. When we were in the hospital once, I paid \$12 and had Chick Filet brought up to the 5th floor of a hospital for my son Cohen. It's incredible, and I did this on my phone!

You remember back in the day when you used to have to go to a record store to buy music? You just buy it on your phone now. Remember when there was this store called Blockbuster where you'd have like a little card, a little blue card, and you had to go there to rent a tape. Who does that anymore? You just download it, or you just watch it on You Tube.

You think about flying. Commercial flight is one of the safest things you can do, it's one of the least expensive things. You can get to anywhere in the world in less than a day for under a \$1,000. That's incredible. When you think about how dangerous it used to be to simply go from France to England, that today you can cross the country, you can go to the other side of the planet, you can go almost anywhere in the world that the government permits for under a thousand bucks, and sometimes you can go.. I actually was thinking of sailing to Cuba not that long ago, but Hannah wouldn't let me.

And don't even get me started on Amazon. I mean if you want pencils or binder clips. There's this thing I really want called a bug assault. It's a gun that you fill with salt and you shoot that. If I want that, I can whip out my phone and when I get home later today, it will be in a brown box waiting for me at my door. That's incredible. In fact Amazon is working on this drone called Amazon Air. In order to cut hours off, same day isn't good enough anymore. We want same hour. So this things going to come and your cookbook is going to land right at your door. That's incredible.

So all of these things are good things, right? I mean they're amazing things. But I believe, as a pastor, as a spiritual teacher, as a thinker, I wonder if there's a negative side to this. I wonder if there's something bad about always being able to get what we want whenever we want it. What if being able to get whatever I want whenever I want it is sometimes bad for me. What if it's teaching me that I'm the most important thing in the world? What if that's having an effect on my relationships? What if that's having an effect on the way I view sex? What about the effect it's having on our health? For the first time in like a hundred years, the life expectancy of people is dropping, not going up.

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What about the effect it's having on our mind and our psychology? There's a new-ish crisis called anhedonia, which is not depression. Anhedonia is a clinical problem with the brain where people can't experience pleasure anymore because their brain has been so affected by loud music, bright videos and constant video games and things like this, that a lot of young people today are unable to experience any sort of emotion.

So I wonder, as a pastor, if discipleship is about taking up my cross and following Jesus so I can attain eternal life. That's not just going to heaven, that's an amazing life today. That's the life I was born to live. That is living out in the fullness of the kingdom of God. If the price of that is a narrow road and a rugged cross, what is instant gratification teaching me to do? What's it teaching our culture to do? And I look and I see so many organizations, churches, pastors, athletes, all sorts of leaders who are giving up their birthright for a bowl of soup. They're giving up what could have been utter greatness because they took a shortcut.

Forgive me for going to baseball, but I love baseball. Barry Bonds is a great example of this. I don't mean to judge. He was an amazing athlete, probably considered maybe one of the greatest, maybe the greatest baseball player of all time, certainly if you look at the numbers. When Barry Bonds broke Hank Aaron's record, almost nobody was watching because at the time, there was a case in congress about the effects of performance enhancing drugs in sports. When Hank Aaron broke this same record that belonged to Babe Ruth, sixteen million people watched around the world and celebrated. What happened between the two?

The first was the world was amazed that an athlete could do this. Hank Aaron, who was an honest athlete, did it the honest way. But Barry Bonds, who used steroids, was a disillusionment. And it wasn't just about baseball, I think. I think it was more about our culture; the way in which we're taking shortcuts, we're breaking the rules, that we want greatness at any cost and it's that very thing that causes us to lose it.

This picture you see behind me is the actual baseball that broke that record – 756. But nobody cared. And forever there will be an asterisk carved into that ball. I imagine if Barry Bonds had not taken steroids, he still would have been in the Hall of Fame and still would have been one of the greatest. But because he and so many people took a shortcut, they gave up what could have been an amazing birthright. Instead, he's an embarrassment.

When we look at Wells Fargo, that was another great example of how this happens in corporate culture. Wells Fargo, it took them a hundred years to build an amazing brand. I did all of my payroll through Wells Fargo back in the day. I loved working with them. And of course in 2016, it was uncovered that they had created three and a half million fake accounts and embezzled money from people all across the country. Not only did they have to pay back that money, and they were fined billions of dollars, but they lost their reputation. How much do you think they would pay to get that reputation back, to wipe that from history. Three times that? Ten times that? A hundred times that? And see that's what happens when it's gone. When our birthright is gone, we look back and we say I would do anything to get that back! Let's make a choice today that we won't give up our birthright, that we'll do the next right thing, even when it costs us, even when there's sacrifice, even when it's difficult, we recognize that the gospel in our lives, that the kingdom of God, that the fullness of eternal life, which is our promise, our birthright, that we will not lose it. That we will attain it, that we will keep it, and that we will guard it all the days of our lives, amen? And even if we do mess up, that we will decide to do the best we can to get back on track.

Some of you, you feel like I could never get back to where I was. I want you to know we also serve, unlike our culture, we serve a God who's forgiving, who's loving, who's always on your side, and you can always get back on track to where you need to go. That's a good thing about God. He's so gracious.

It reminds me of a quote from G.K. Chesterton who wrote a hundred years ago. He said he loved fairy stories, and he learned some of the best things in his life from fairy tales.

He said one of the things you notice when you read fairy tales is how much glass there is in fairy tales, like Cinderella's glass slipper. You have glass slippers, glass castles, glass halls and mirrors. And he said the symbol of glass is something that is bright and beautiful and transparent and unperishable, yet fragile and breakable.

He says of glass in his book, "Strike glass and it will not endure an instant. Simply do not strike it and it will endure a thousand years. Such, it seemed, was the joy of man either in elfland or on earth that happiness depended on not doing something which you could at any moment do, and which very often it was not obvious why you should not do it." It's a good line.

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And this leads me to the story of today: Jacob and Esau, the great despising of one's birthright. The great selling of a great treasure because one lives in the moment rather than the future; because one sees only the needs now, rather than what they're losing.

This is from Genesis chapter 25:27-34. So in the Bible, there's this story. Rebekah is pregnant with twins. Have you ever seen somebody pregnant with twins before? It's amazing. You think you've seen pregnant people before, a pregnant woman. If you haven't seen someone with twins, you've just not seen it. It's like imagine people knocking things over, or a woman knocking things over with her belly. And so she's nine months pregnant with twins, and these two twins inside of her are fighting each other, and she says aloud: what is going on? And she hears from the Lord, and the Lord says, inside of you there are two nations and even now they're struggling. And something like the younger will lord it over the older. She doesn't understand what this means.

So this is the beginning of a great rivalry between two brothers. Do you have any rivalry with your siblings? I'm just curious. I have four sisters and a brother, and I'm thankful to say that I don't actually have any rivalry with any of them. They're all pretty sweet. Hannah, you don't have really a rivalry in your family, either. So we're very lucky. But you do see it, though, in families, don't you. Brother against brother, sister against sister, sister against brother, brother against sister. Well this is one of the great ones of all time.

When Rebekah gives birth, the first one to come out is Esau, and it's a super hairy baby. Can you imagine that? So this baby comes out and I don't know if just means a lot of hair on his head, or if maybe he had a little back hair already at such a young age. But it was enough that this baby was so hairy, the Hebrew word Esau means hairy. So they just like, oh he's hairy, let's just call him hairy. And so they pull the baby out, and then attached to the baby's foot is a hand of Jacob holding on. He's holding onto the heel of Esau. And so just imagine that – this arm is kind of sticking out. They're like what on earth, whoa!

So then Jacob is born and Jacob means the one who grabs the heel. So they literally just like hairy and the one who grabs the heel, I guess. That's amazing. This would be a symbol of their relationship. Jacob always trying to overtake and catch his big brother Esau. And you'll see that as they get older, this rivalry sort of smolders, it becomes exasperated because Esau is the favorite of the father, and Jacob is the favorite of the mother, and this causes them to sort of hate each other even more.

They're fraternal twins, so they don't look like each other, and they don't like the same things. Esau is kind of the jock of the group. Bible says that he was a skilled hunter, a man of the field. You might be picturing Gaston from Beauty and the Beast. Just like a dude; a man, and probably through Jacob's eyes, viewed as probably arrogant, and boorish, and maybe a little stupid, who knows. But he's got this view of his brother as this guy. And he's the one who's supposed to someday lead the family.

Now it says that Jacob was not like this. Jacob was a mild man dwelling in tents. So picture just a nerd. I mean picture somebody who reads a lot, who's kind of pasty, he doesn't like the sun, it's too hot out there. This is Esau's view of his brother. He views his brother as kind of a wimp, kind of a loser, not brave, always scared or something like this. And these caricatures are sort of how they hold each other. You might think of Jacob as Belle from Beauty in the Beast; just always.. kind of girly, reading his book all the time. Actually, I found a real picture of two Bedouin brothers that to me reminded me a lot of what Jacob and Esau might have looked like. One you see kind of bigger, thicker, wider jaw. The other kind of looks a little more shrewd and thin and lighter skinned. And so you've got these two guys that see the worst in each other. And Jacob, in particular, sees Esau as the one holding the Bekorah, the birthright. The one who's supposed to take all the money, all the girls, lead the family and carry on God's mission to the family, and this is bugging him.

And so this all sort of comes to a head one day when Esau has been out hunting. He's been out in the field, maybe for two, three days. He's covered in sweat and dirt, and his hair and his beard are dirty, and he's coming in, maybe he's carrying game, maybe he's not, and he's starving. As he gets close to the tent, Jacob is making a very fine tomato bisque lentil basil soup. It just smells utterly delicious. He can smell the soup from far away. And as he gets closer, his mouth begins to water and he would do anything to get that soup.

Esau comes in the tent and he says give me some soup, I'm dying. It smells so good. And Jacob says to him something utterly crazy. He says sell me the Bekorah. Bekorah is the Hebrew word for a birthright. It's the most valuable thing in the whole world to anybody. It is the crown jewel of the family, the Bekorah. It's an utterly crazy thing that Jacob is asking for.

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Something he's always wanted. Remember they're exactly the same age. Have you ever known twins? You always got the older twin that always makes a joke about being seven minutes older than the younger twin? I imagine this is what was going on, except this had real teeth to it because the one who is seven minutes older or maybe thirty seconds older got the Bekorah and the other got the leftovers.

Jacob is looking at his bother and he says sell me the Bekorah, sell me the birthright. The birthright is a huge deal, and especially in this family. The birthright means three things. Number one: if you have the Bekorah, you lead. You're the one leading the family. You say where we're going to go, you say what we're going to do. If you have the Bekorah, the birthright, number two you're the judicial authority for the whole tribe. That means if there's an argument between neighbors or family members or something like that, you're the one who makes the judgment and defines how to resolve it. And number three: you get a double portion of your inheritance. This is a big deal for an ultra wealthy, ultra powerful family.

Now Esau is very lucky that he got this Bekorah, that he got this birthright. It goes all the way back to his grandpa, Abram, who is later known as Abraham. What an amazing story that Abram was called out by God to create a people, and here he is, a very old man, and God says to Abram, I'm going to make a covenant with you. I will be your God. You will be my people. And Abram says to the Lord, how will you make a covenant with me, I'm a very old man, and I have no children of my own. And the Lord says, Abram, go outside and look at the stars. Let me say that again. And God says to Abram, go outside and look at the stars. And there is Abram standing on a rock looking at the sky, and the Lord says to him, Abram, you won't be Abram, you'll be Abraham. Not the great father, but the father of many nations, and I will fulfill this promise to you. Wow.

And it's in that moment that this promise, this Bekorah is established. It's a birthright that is given by God to a man. Wow. And it's only given to one man, Abraham. Abraham, who's in a hurry, now getting into his 70's and 80's, decides to sort of hurry things along and his wife Sarah convinces him to sleep with the servant Hagar, and they have a son named Ishmael. He's the firstborn, but because he's not a child of the promise, because he's not a child of his wife, this son Ishmael receives a great blessing from God, but does not receive the Bekorah. He then has 12 sons. Did you know there's 12 sons of Ishmael, and they are also the grandsons of Abraham, and they become the Arab people, and they receive a blessing of God, but the scriptures say that they too do not receive this Bekorah. After Sarah dies, Abraham remarries. A lot of people don't know this. He married a woman Keturah and had five more sons. Did you not know that? There's a muttering in the audience. Audience. In the congregation. Everybody's thinking he's 90 and he still had five more kids? That's amazing! I had so many great jokes there and I decided not to use any of them. Hannah, I'm getting better. I'm getting better, Hannah. I'm getting better. You can write to me and tell me your funny joke, the one you would have used. Okay.

So now Esau has six uncles who did not get the Bekorah, who want the Bekorah. He's got probably 12 to 30 cousins in the tribe or outside of the tribe that want the Bekorah, who can't have the Bekorah. And he's got his twin brother who literally was grabbing his heel when he was born who wants the Bekorah. Everybody wants this thing. It's not just the judicial, it's not just the leader, it's not just the money, and it is those things. It is a Bekorah from God. It's from God. It's the most amazing thing in the world. And when Esau comes in and he's super hungry, what does he say when Jacob says sell me your birthright. What does he say? I'm starving. What is a birthright to me? And everybody listening knows in those days.. see we're not use to going two/three days without food. But if you lived in the ancient near east, that was a normal thing that would happen sometimes. And if you lived in those days, you know you can go 25/30/35 or 40 days sometimes without food, as long as you have water. They know what it's like to enter into a tent full of tomato bisque smell and you haven't eaten for two days. You go crazy. And no, you won't die. You can actually go quite a bit longer.

And so he enters into this tent and he's so overcome by his flesh, so overcome by the need for instant gratification, so overcome by a bowl of soup that he gives up this amazing treasure that was given to his grandfather, to his father, and now to only him, he gives it up for a bowl of lentil soup, and the scripture says that Esau despised his birthright.

I think so many of us today, we're so used to getting the bowl of soup whenever we want it. We're so used to having it right now, paying hardly anything for it, having a guy bring it to the door, and I'm so worried that many of us who are called to greatness, we'll still receive a blessing, we're still going to receive something good from God, but we're giving up the ultimate blessing, the Bekorah, the double portion, the leadership, the authority, the power! We're giving it up for a bowl of tomato soup.

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And I see churches doing this, and organizations doing this. I see our country doing this. I see so many people that for the need of instant gratification, whatever, they're losing this great thing in their life. Don't give up your birthright. Don't despise your birthright. Don't live for instant gratification. Don't always try and do what's expedient. Do what is right. Do what is wise. Do what is good and only that all the time, and God will get you to your blessing. He will get you to your birthright. He will get you where you need to go.

This Bekorah then does not go to Esau, it goes to Jacob. And had Esau said no, that's ridiculous. Just give me some soup or I'll shoot you with this bow and arrow, that's one thing he could have done. We wouldn't say Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We'd say Abraham, Isaac and Esau. And so the birthright passed to Jacob, and to his 12 sons who become the 12 tribes of Israel, and it becomes the whole narrative of the Old Testament, ultimately coming to you.

Did you know that Bekorah that was passed from Esau to Jacob belongs to you? That real Bekorah that was given to Abraham, it's yours. It was given to you in your baptism.

Galatians says this: "So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew or Gentile, there's neither slave nor free, there's neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." And then listen to this famous line: "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and" everyone say it: "heirs according to the promise."

This is your promise, this is your heir, this is your gift from God. The power to lead, the power to have influence, the power to thrive, the power to succeed, the power to have a double portion, a double blessing, but it requires that we walk the narrow road, it requires that we make the sacrifice, it requires that we do what's meaningful, not expedient, it requires that we do what's difficult, it requires that we do what nobody else is doing! If we do what everyone else is doing, we'll get what everybody else is getting.

And this is the wisdom of the Lord that has called you to this great Bekorah, this great prize. Don't give it up for a bowl of tomato soup. And I just expect that there are going to be times in your life where you're going to feel like Esau did. If I don't do this, I'm going to die. If I don't do this, I'll starve to death. But you know rationally it's not true. And I want to encourage you don't give up the great blessing God has for you. God will get you where you need to go. He loves you. He's on your side. So trust Him. You don't need to take shortcuts.

Lord, we thank you, and we praise you that you've given us a great blessing. Thank you, Lord that everyone under the sound of my voice I believe is hearing this message for a reason. You are calling us to greatness, but you are saying get to it my way. So we will, Lord. We're going to trust you. Thank you that you've forgiven us of our sins. Thanks that we don't have to worry about that, but we're going to get on the right path today and follow you to where we need to go. We love you, God, it's in Jesus' name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

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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.