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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 visitors and church family. I love how some businesses are posting little signs in their windows that say “tough times never last but tough people do.” Church family, you are tough and you are an over comer. Thank you for joining us today. We love you.

BS: You might have noticed we’re trying something a little new today with our virtual choir. Actually just a few weeks ago I met with the choir on what was it.. what’s that program called? Zoom thank you. And they said can we try a virtual choir? We miss being there. And I said well let’s try it, so they’ve worked hard to kind of arrange this where they’re at home and they’re singing for us and thank you orchestra for being here, by the way. We appreciate it so much. And thank you singers who are here live.

But we’re going to try that today and see what you think to allow the choir to participate in worship. We’re so grateful that they took the opportunity to do that.

And wherever you are, we want you to know that we just love you and we know this is a, for a lot of people, kind of a boring time; it’s an anxious time, it’s a time where you really just want to get out and do stuff, and you wish maybe some of you could be here in the church and see your friends and give hugs and eat donuts and do the stuff that we do on Sunday morning, but we just want you to know that we’re so glad that you’re joining us today.

If you’re on Facebook or YouTube, make sure to share and like what you’re watching so that people maybe who don’t know this is going on can participate with us live. But more than anything, we just want you to know we’re with you, we’re with you in spirit, we’re thinking of you, we’re praying for you, and we love you so much.

Let’s begin with a word of prayer: Lord, that you’d help us to remain hopeful, positive, light bringing, good spirited people in the midst of a very difficult and arduous time. And I just pray, God, that we’d be overflowing with your spirit, and I ask all of these things in Jesus’ name, and it’s in your name we pray, Lord, amen.

HS: Amen. Turn around to the person next to you or your cat or dog and say God loves you and so do I.

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 24:1-6 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for Bobby’s message, Psalm 24:1:

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the world and all who live in it for He founded it on the seas, and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. We love you, amen.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Welcome, we’re so glad that you’re with us, and if you’re at your home, hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving from the Lord, maybe if you’re with friends or family, let’s 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. Thanks, you can be seated.

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MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Give US Clean Hands"

Anyway, we're so glad you're here and let me just begin. Today my message is called Give Us Clean Hands. I have a friend Rich Mouw who was the president of Fuller when I was there, and took some time to spend some time with me, a wonderful pastor, a man of God, and he told this story about going to a Rolling Stones concert back in the '70's. He says he went to this giant arena and it was full of young people. And the sound was electric and the feeling in the air was just impassioned and fun and happy and amazing, and there was just this explosive incredible experience.

And then finally Rolling Stones got to this song, the song everybody knows, and Keith pulls out his guitar and plays (MAKES GUITAR SOUNDS) and everybody in the arena erupts and starts cheering (WAAAAA) (MAKES GUITAR SOUNDS) and of course they sing "I can't get no satisfaction," and the whole place is going crazy. And at the end of the song, almost like a worship song, they start to sing "I can't get no satisfaction." And he said it almost became.. they just kept saying "I can't get no satisfaction," all of these people sweating and screaming and drinking and saying this aloud. It went in his mind observing from a distance, it went from this amazing fun experience to something that was almost sad or telling. That you have this people doing this amazing stuff but something on the inside, they just feel unsatisfied. Something's missing.

And I think of that story as many of us, I bought these tickets for my mom and I to go see Andrea Bocelli. I bought it for her for Christmas and we're supposed to go in June. And she asked me do you think they're still going to do the concert? I said probably not, mom. I said but I promise, we'll go see him still. When he opens up again, we'll go.

But there's this sense, music venues and all of these gatherings have closed. There are no parties anymore. There are no restaurants anymore. There are no movies anymore. There are no sports events anymore. And we don't have those and can't have those experiences of being in a mass group of people. I mean we've had experiences in church like that where it's packed full of people. Easter Sunday is like that Rolling Stones concert. It's just full of life and full of energy and we can't have those experiences now anymore. But when I was thinking about that, I was like when we were out and about, when we were doing all these things, were we satisfied? Were we full of a deeper truer happiness? Did we truly understand then what really matters? I want you to know that I think.. I keep saying this, but God is going to use this time for you and for me to find a deeper, greater treasure. What seems like bad news for so many people, I believe can be good news for you. That within the trial, within the difficulty, for some of us even tragedy, I believe we're going to find a treasure that we didn't even know was there. That if we are faithful where we are and relax and rest our hearts in Him that we'll find something amazing within what's going on.

A quote comes to mind from Blaise Pascal. I've said this quote a million times, but it's never been truer than today. He said "all of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in his room alone." Man, isn't that the truth? St. Augustine said "our hearts are restless till they rest in Him." And I just believe that during this time, even though many of us are feeling lost and feeling anxious, some of us are feeling angry, that in the midst of all of this, we can find something really special that God wants to give to you. Many of us are experiencing all kinds of losses. I saw on the news this morning that yesterday across America protests have already started erupting for people who want to open up public spaces. And I understand how people can feel frustrated and anxious and angry about the situation but none of us have been through this before. No modern governor or president or senator or congressman or mayor has ever had to deal with this. I never thought I would see Democrats and Republicans get along so much, either, in the midst of all we are going through.

But in the midst of all of this loss and all of this frustration, all this difficulty, there have also been some treasures. Some of the losses I've experienced, which are very small, not a huge deal, but they feel like a big deal to me. I take Cohen, my son, to Disneyland every Saturday. I mean we've done it every single Saturday all day. It's like a daddy/son time together and he used to say this thing: guess a fate we're going. And we'd say what did he say? Guess a fate we're going. He would always say that when we were going to Disneyland. What he was trying to say is guess where we're going. And so I trained him every day we'd go to Disneyland – no it's not guess a fate we're going, say guess where we're going. And he always struggled to do it.

And because of Cohen's condition, he doesn't quite understand why we're not going, and yesterday when I was putting him to bed, he said daddy, I want to go to Disneyland. I said it's closed, buddy. He said daddy, guess where we're going? And I thought oh, so sad. And Hannah and I, we have our date nights every Monday. We've been in ministry now for 15 years, and during this time every Monday we have a date night. My grandparents did that forever. I think my parents did that.

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Hannah and I, we've always gone out to restaurant or gone to a movie or gone to Disneyland, again, or something like that. And we can't do that now. Last Monday Hannah had this great idea, she said what if we go down to the church. So we got a blanket and we went and got some BBQ and came down to the church and right here, put the blanket out, we had like a little picnic, and we watched a movie on the big screen. Steven was here, he helped us set it up and I really appreciated that. And with Cohen, we've been able to find ways to have fun with Cohen and Haven. I got to do a road trip with Haven, as I mentioned, and we're having worship time and I'm able to spend more time with the kids. So in the middle of the loss, God has given us eyes to see that even though we can't go to the places that we used to be able to go to to have fun and to be together, that there are also some treasures we missed out that are right here. That the things that make any of these things special, the things that make a church special, the things that make entertainment venues special, the things that make sports events special, the things that make those interesting are other people, and we still have other people in our lives.

We've got people that we can reach out to. In fact, Hannah's family, the Presley's, she's got five brothers so there's six total kids, her parents, they're all married, and they all have babies and little kids. So anyway, her family is big. And we all got on a Zoom call the other day, and this whole family, we've never done that before! They live all around the country and I thought what an amazing thing. We never once until this time thought about how do we get all these people from all over the country to get together and to be together, and we just talked and prayed a little bit, and it was just a lovely thing. And I guess what I want to say is that there is an opportunity in this time for you and the opportunity is good and the opportunity is to ask the Lord – God, I can't change my circumstances! Will you change me? Build in me a new kind of man – a new kind of woman – that when I leave this building I will be different, in a way, in a good way. More joyful, more loving, more appreciative of my friends I can't see. More appreciative of my job that can be so hard. And more appreciative and joyful and grateful for what you're doing in my life, Lord. I believe that if you ask God to transform your heart and your mind, and to not just give up and just be bored the whole time, and just focus only on entertainment. But if you were to take some time to focus on people, on encouraging others, on developing your ministry and developing your gifts on reading and learning and growing, you're going to come out of this with something really special.

In fact, let me just say this – I believe with all my heart, I know this: when this thing is over and things become a little more normal, like they used to be, it won't be completely normal, but when they go back to the kind of normal rhythms, they are going to be people who look back on this season and think, gosh, what a wasted opportunity. They'll think I wasted that time. I didn't see that in those weeks or months where things were shut down, I didn't see like this other guy or other gal saw. That if I'd only done this, wow, what could I have attained?

And so I'm just going to believe even right now that God's going to open your eyes to see the amazing ways He's going to bless you during this time. I think that God is so on your side. He's not angry at you. It's okay to obviously do fun things during this time, but I also want to believe that because God loves you and He's on your side and He's for you, He's going to help you see the many treasures that are with you right now that maybe you can't see, and that when you discover these things, you're going to be so excited and full of joy, and I'm going to believe that for you in Jesus' name. And just keep asking: God change me and transform me.

Okay, everybody knows that we should wash our hands. When I was in high school, I did this thing on viruses, I was in AP Biology and I won an award, and I got to operate on a cadaver. That's a whole other story, I'll tell it some other time. But one of the things we learned about viruses is that the reason soap kills a virus.. you know if you put water and oil in a cup, they split. But if you put some soap in there and you stir it around, the water and the oil, well they mix. And that's what soap effectively does to a virus. The outer layer of a virus is a fatty substance, and so if it's just water, the virus is able to sort of keep its form and its shape.

But once there's soap introduced, that outer layer breaks up and disintegrates the virus. And this is why when we wash our hands, we don't just wash them, we should do it for about 20 seconds.

And so of course what everybody's been saying is when you wash your hands, you sing happy birthday twice because that's about 20 seconds. And I don't think I thought of this, I think I heard it somewhere, I can't remember where, but I thought I'm going to pray the Lord's Prayer so that when I wash my hands, I remember that God's there, and who knows, maybe it'll be a little healing thing. So I say The Lord's Prayer as I'm washing, and then by the time I'm done my hands are clean.

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But I thought somebody else said, what if you prayed Psalm 24: give us clean hands. Give us pure hearts. And that got me to thinking about this Psalm that I want to read to you today. You know it, I'm sure, it's an ascending Psalm from David and it goes like this: "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world and all who live in it for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is a generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, God of Jacob."

I remember when Hannah and I were in college and we were in a lot of house churches and revivalist groups, we used to sing this song all the time based on Psalm 24. (SINGS: Give us clean hands. Give us pure hearts.) This song, you know. And this cry that God would make us a generation that seeks after the face of the God of Jacob, that with all our hearts and all our soul and all our strength, we would seek after God. You're that kind of person. I just believe that you're the kind of person who wants God. You want to seek Him with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength. Jesus tells us for anybody who seeks after God, he's going to find Him, she's going to find Him, and I believe you will. I believe you will. There is within us the need.. this is hard to explain, but the need to think of ourselves as good, or at least not bad. Considering one's self good is actually a human need. This is why the worst people when they do some of the worst things, still even if they're convicted, even if they're facing the penalty, they still very often either won't fess up to it, or they will justify or make excuses. So the rapist will say something like 'she was asking for it by the way she was dressing.' Or the murderer will say 'he crossed a line. He shouldn't have made me so angry.' Or the thief will always say 'he shouldn't have left his wallet out.' And I think that the reason we do this when we always defend ourselves even when what we did was utterly wrong is because there is this need within us to be good. You're made in God's image. God birthed you with a pure heart and birthed you with life, and when you were a child, you knew what it was like to be innocent, to be pure, and there's a part of us that understands that that's the best type of way to be. And that's why, like all of us want to be happy, all of us want our kids to be both good and happy, but good is more important to us than happy, whether we admit it or not. You actually can't be happy unless you consider yourself to some degree to be a decent person.

Think about this question: if I said to you friend, you are not a happy person, you might think to yourself and say, you know he's right, I could be happier, some things could change in my life, etc., etc. But if I said to you friend, I just got to tell you, you're not a good person. Think about how that drives. I mean first of all, you immediately would reject it, probably, get defensive and think you jerk, why would you say something like that. And I wouldn't say something like that to you. Actually you are a good person, and I believe that God wants you to not only attain happiness, but to attain goodness because goodness functions integrity, faithfulness, these things function as a foundation to a happy life. We forget that so often. We think God just wants us to be good because it's the right thing to do, because society needs it. And that is true, but God also wants us to be good because He loves us! He loves us. He knows that being good, pursuing goodness, pursuing righteousness is the best place to be. Having a pure heart, having clean hands, having a clean mind, having a way that you can get up in the morning and feel good about the way you're leading your life. Nobody's perfect, you don't think you're perfect, but you feel like you're on the path to something good; that you're paying attention to the little things in life. I believe this is effectively what a pure heart means. A pure heart means you care about the little things. It means you're faithful in the little things. A pure heart means that you trust the little things that God has given you. You're not always looking for something else before you're looking at what you already have.

You're not looking at what you've lost, you're looking at what you have left and that you're faithful with the small or big responsibilities that God has given you. Look, you want more responsibility? You want a wider territory? Be faithful in the little! When you're faithful in the little, God will expand your territory and He will bless you more. But if you turn your back on the little, if you have contempt for those things, if you're always saying if only I had that, if only I had that family, if only I had that job, if only I had that ministry, God's not going to bless that. God wants to see you faithful in the things you are now. And I'm so glad that you are faithful. Keep being faithful to the little things God's given you. You're so faithful in what you do. You have a pure heart. Keep leaning into that. Don't turn your eyes to other things, but fix your heart and your mind on the little things that God has given you and watch how He will bless you and your heart, just like a empty gas tank will begin to fill with joy. I believe that with all my heart.

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I had the opportunity on Tuesday to interview Jentezen Franklin, who's a really well known pastor, a wonderful man of God, and he told me this story and I'm not going to tell it as good as he did, but I keep thinking about it and I've thought about it all week. It's so appropriate. He writes about it in his book called "Acres of Diamonds." He actually researched this and found that it was actually true. It sounds apocryphal, like there's no way this story could be true. But he did his research and actually uncovered that it is true. It was based on another story that a guy named Russell Conwell told in the 1800's and it goes like this. Russell Conwell in the 1800's was in Israel, and he had this Arab guide who was taking him around to see Israel and see the Holy Land in Palestine. And he told him this story about a man in South Africa who had this land. This man and his family, they bought this land and they took all that they had to buy an ox and a plow, and they had a little cabin, and a few acres of land. And they decided that they were going to turn this into a profitable farm. Every day the man would go out there and would work hard, and toil and his hands would get blistered and it was just arduous and difficult and annoying. And one day a stranger came along to visit them, and he said farmer friend, I just got to tell you, I feel so bad that you're out here working so hard. Did you know that they've discovered diamonds in India? If you go to India, there are these parts.. I'll show you where it is. If you go out to India, there are diamonds on the ground as big as a stone. They're just sitting on the ground. You can pick them up. If you go out there, you'd be rich and you wouldn't have to do this anymore. And the farmer said I don't know; I don't know about this. And he went to bed and he couldn't sleep that night, and rocked and all night long thinking he'd gotten the special information. And so when he woke up, he said you know what, I'm going to do this. So he sold his farm, he sold his ox, he sold his plow, he put his family up in a temporary apartment, kissed them on the head, and he said family when I come back, you're going to be sitting on thrones. He kissed his wife on the head and he said wife of mine, when I come back, you are going to be a queen, we're going to be so rich. And a soldier of fortune, he marched off to India and traveled all around and couldn't find any of these diamond fields. Then went to different parts of Asia and looked all throughout Europe. And finally when he'd run out of energy, and run out of money, he was sitting by a river in Spain and he wrote a suicide note and on the note he said "there are no diamonds anywhere" and he threw himself into the river and he died.

Little did he know that there was a man back on the old farm that he sold, and that man took that same ox, that same plow, that same cabin and continued to till the work of the farm. And as he was plowing, all of these ugly black rocks would get in the way, they were making it hard to plow the lines, and so he'd take them and cast them to the side, and one day he found a really big one, he thought it was kind of cool, so he put it on the mantle. And the local priest who came by to welcome him the town, saw on the mantle this black rock. And he looked at him and he said where did you get that? And he said oh, it's this farm. This guy he sold me this farm and there are these black rocks everywhere, and they're so annoying and I'd pick them up, I've got piles of them everywhere. And he said do you know what that is? That's a diamond in the rough. And sure enough, that diamond ended up being in the late 1800's a \$25,000 diamond. And little did he know that this man had purchased, a true story, this man had purchased the largest diamond mine in human history. In fact, the crown jewels that the queen has in England came from that farm. When you think about the irony, that a man had it right under his nose! It was right there! And in his restlessness, he forfeited the very thing he was looking for!

So often in our lives when we feel stuck, we always look to places like India, Europe, America, we look at other people's lives at what other people have, at other things we wish we could own, and the Lord is saying to you there are diamonds in the rough, under the ground right now.

Be faithful with the plow I've given you. Be faithful with the family I've given you. Be faithful with that little cabin and with that ox and with that land and watch what I can do in your life. Watch what I can do when you're faithful with the little things, God will pour out blessings in your life. It is so important that integrity and the value of our families, and the value of our kids and grandkids, the value of our ministry and the small things that God's given us. When you just minister to your neighbor, that means a lot to God. Whether you're ministering to millions of people or the person on the street or the person next to you or your spouse or you're encouraging your kids or you're encouraging your parents, all those things matter the same in the eyes of God because what God cares about is faithfulness. Being true to you, to what He's put in your heart, to do the next right thing, and that's what you do. I'm so grateful for someone like you. It's easy to get restless when you're doing the little things, but remember God rewards the faithful. Keep focusing on the little things and do the right thing when nobody's looking, and watch how God will open up the whole universe to you.

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It's going to be amazing. I'm so excited for you because you're such a faithful person; because you have such a pure heart. Because you allow the work of Christ to be manifest in you. Because you died to your old self and you put on Christ and you follow Him with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind, and you love your neighbor as yourself. I'm so thankful for people like you. So thankful for you and that's what God's going to do.

Don't waste this time. It's not going to go on much longer. Do not waste this crisis. In your life, something really awesome is going to happen during this time. One of the things that Jentezen Franklin told me after he told me that story was where you are is loaded with potential. And I think that's just what we miss very often. We don't understand that right where we are is loaded with potential.

I'll finish with this. The Jews in the old days, when Jesus was a rabbi and many Orthodox Jews today, as well, but when they would go into synagogue or go into temple, they would practice this wonderful ritual called Mikveh. Mikveh was a way to prepare my body for worship and they would go to these ritualistic baths and it would take some time, but they would wash four parts of their body. They would wash their head, they would wash their hands, they would wash their chest, and they would wash their feet. And I think this is almost, when I look back at that, it almost feels like God's checklist. To look at my own life and proclaim the right things over my life and to align myself with God's word.

First the head – that's the thoughts. Lord, help me to focus. Clean my thoughts. No thought that you have can remain private if you dwell on it. Eventually your thinking is going to become your future. So say Lord, give me the kinds of thoughts. And I just proclaim over you that God has forgiven you of the wrong kind of thinking of foolishness, or things maybe that you feel like embarrassed about or something. I've been there lots and lots of times. God is just going to continue to pour out wisdom on your life. He's going to fill your mind with the word of God. You're going to begin to think about right things. You're going to get out of self pity and you're going to get into seeing the opportunities that lay before you, and seeing ways that you can minister to your neighbor or to your spouse, to your kids, to the people that matter in your life: your friends, maybe if you don't have those things. And God's going to continue to give you the right kinds of thoughts. So first thing you do is wash their head.

The second thing they wash is their chest. And that was saying Lord, clean our hearts. The heart is not emotions, the heart is will. It's what you desire. It's what you want. It's when you wake up in the morning what do you go for? It's where courage and fear lie. And so God will wash your heart, and I just proclaim over you a clean heart. You're not a fearful person, you're not a scared person. God has not given you a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and of love and a sound mind. God has taken that old heart of fear and He's cast it away and given you the heart of a lion. God has filled you with faith. He's not filled you with greed but with generosity. He's not filled you with lust but with compassion and self sacrifice and wisdom.

And so your heart is going to continue to grow and desire what is good. To love what is good and hate what is evil and go after God with all your heart. And He's even now, I believe in Jesus' name, cleansing your heart. You have such a good heart. Such a good and innocent and pure heart.

The third thing is the hands. The hands are the actions. It's what we've done. Have we used our hands for violence? Have we applied our hands to the till of foolishness and folly? Have we reached out to substances that we're addicted to or been faithless in our relationships? Or maybe it's not what we've done it's what we haven't done. Have we not been there for people when they needed us? Have we not defended the defenseless?

Have we not reached out to people that feel alone when we felt like the spirit was telling us to? So I just proclaim over you that you have clean hands. Because of the cross of Jesus, all that you've done is forgiven. God loves second starts, third starts, fourth starts. He will keep helping you get back on the wagon if you'll climb back on with Him. There is no limit. How many times should we forgive? Seven times? Seventy times seven. This is the heart of God. He's just so forgiving and He's on your side. He's not given up on you.

So He's cleansed your hands, your mistakes. Maybe its stuff you feel embarrassed about. It's all forgiven. It's all forgiven, friend. It's forgiven. Hallelujah. And you ask Lord, give me pure hands. Give me the kinds of hands that bless. The kinds of hands that share and give. The kind of hands that embrace. The kind of hands that reach out to people who need help, and the kinds of hand that are hands of peace. And I believe that God's giving those to you.

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And finally, probably the one nobody ever really thinks about and that's really almost the theme of today, even though I talked about hands, it's really feet. Give us clean feet. And what does that mean? The feet, when the Jews pray for their feet in Mikveh, it's where I am and where I'm going. That I would be right where I need to be. Let me tell you – you're right where you need to be. Don't get anxious, don't get worried, you're right where God wants you to be.

I believe that for many of you under the sound of my voice, this is one of the first times in history you're not allowed to go anywhere. I mean it's so limited. You know that where you're supposed to be because that's exactly the only place you can be! And I believe that like that farmer who had that farm in South Africa, don't miss out on the jewels, the diamonds, the fields that God has for you. I just pray, this is something I prayed since college – Lord, I pray that I'm at the right place at the right time doing the right thing with the right people. I just want you to know stay firmly established. Stand strong and be where you're supposed to be.

Don't go where you're not supposed to go. Don't leave a season that God has not ended yet. Don't finish a chapter that God hasn't finished in your life. He'll get you through what you're going through, this coronavirus thing is going to end. We're going to get through these difficulties, but don't miss out on now. Don't always be thinking about tomorrow, and don't be worried about what's going to happen tomorrow or the next month, but just continue to be faithful to the things that God's given you. Notice the people in your life today that maybe you haven't noticed. Ask that the Lord would give you eyes to see the wondrous things in your life.

I want you to know you have a pure heart, you have a pure mind, and you have good hands and good feet, and everywhere you go will be blessed. I just proclaim over you that the Holy Spirit has ordained your steps. That you are going to love what is good, hate what is evil, seek after His face, that every step from this day forth will be the right step, will be a good step and you're going to move towards where God wants you to be. And because of that, your whole life will be founded on not the sand but on the rock, on the teachings of the Lord. That on that rock you will stand, so when the storms come, when the rains come, when the rivers rise, you will stay strong because you have a pure heart. You have courage! And you have wisdom. And you have love. And you have a spirit of Christ because you died to your old self, and you put Him on.

In fact, if you're at home and you haven't done that, I want to give you an opportunity even now, to become a follower of Jesus Christ. Maybe you aren't that way. Maybe you've sinned, maybe you've done some horrible stuff and you just feel the Holy Spirit speaking to you now. I want to tell you turn your back on that world. Have contempt for that life. You probably already do, and reach out to the Lord Jesus Christ, and watch how He will forgive you and renew you. It takes time. When I got saved, I didn't change overnight. I was the same person the next day. Something changed in my thinking and in my heart. So He will forgive you right away, but I just want to encourage you that you trust your life to Him. You're not too old, you're not too young, you're not too much of a sinner. God has a great plan for you and I want to encourage you to become a follower of Jesus today.

In fact if that's you, I'm going to pray for you right now. And you need to make a decision. Stop riding the fence. Decide today. Decide today that you will follow Him, and I'll pray for you. Lord, I pray for first anyone under the sound of my voice who right now says Lord, I make a decision to follow Jesus. Lord, I pray. We pray with them. Forgive us of our sins. We stand and cling to the old rugged cross. We thank you that because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven and that we can walk blameless justified before you. And that you would give us pure hands and a clean mind and a clean heart, and to understand that we can be faithful to the little things.

And I just pray for everybody else under the sound of my voice, continue to encourage us, Lord. Give us big heartedness during this time. Give us wisdom. Help us to grow and thrive.

That maybe when others are shrinking and falling apart, Lord, I just proclaim over everyone under the sound of my voice that they will grow. They will not grow faint or weary, but they will grow and thrive and have energy and life and joy during this time, and I proclaim it all in Jesus' name, amen.

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

Friends, thank you so much for joining us on Shepherd's Grove or Hour of Power, wherever you're watching. We miss you so much, and we can't wait until we can be together again. But for now, I want you to know that if you're tired, you're weary, join the club. Lots of people feel that way, but we love you. You're wonderful, we're on your side, we're with you all the way, and we're thinking of you and we hope you join us again next week.