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## GOOD MORNING – Bobby & Hannah Schuller

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

HS: Merry Christmas, church family and visitors. We are so happy that you're here. I've just really had it on my heart lately that we need to be praying for miracles more than we ever have before. So I'm just going to do that right now. If you need a miracle, if you need your physical body, a super-natural healing, if you know somebody who needs a healing, you can stand in representation of them, if you need deliverance from addiction or depression, any miracle, just lift one hand up to heaven right now and we are going to pray over you. Lord Jesus, your word says that if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you. So I pray for every person with their hand up right now, or for the person that they are standing in the gap for representing, we ask that your Holy Spirit miracle working power go through their bodies right now, in the name of Jesus, we ask this and we will be so careful to give you all the glory because it is yours, in your name we pray, amen.

BS: Amen.

HAVEN: Turn to the person next to you and say God loves you and so do I.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Love) – Chad, Hillary & Lewis Blake

HILLARY: During the first weeks of the advent season, we lit the candles of hope, peace and joy. Today we light the candle of love. Jesus has shown us God's perfect love in human form. The Bible teaches us for God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Advent is a time of preparation, a time to think of others and for sharing life with all of God's children. It is a time to love others as God loved us, and to give the world His most precious gift, God's good news, His son Jesus Christ.

CHAD: Let us pray together as a church. God of hope, Prince of Peace, provider of joy and Lord of love, your goodness is beyond our comprehension. In the union of the flesh and spirit, teach us to love this world and all people as you have loved us in Jesus Christ. Come into our darkness and reign. Open our hearts that we all might receive your transforming love, amen. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE – Luke 2:8-14 – Hannah Schuller

HS: In preparation for the message, Luke 2:8-14. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to those on whom His favor rests. Amen.

## DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Would you stand with me? We're going to say this creed together as we do every single week. Hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving from the Lord, 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. Its 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!

## The Good Shepherds

### MESSAGE/PRAYER – Bobby Schuller "The Good Shepherds"

I'm really glad that we had this time in the worship service with children singing and leading worship. It fits my sermon so perfectly. These girls from Voices of Hope. There's something about having children in a worship service that I think adds so much to the experience, and reminds us of something; that when we're kids, when we're young, sometimes that can feel like the most spiritually fruitful time in our lives. I don't know if you're that way. I feel like some of the greatest moments in my life when I experienced God in the most profound and powerful ways, came in the times when I needed Him the most, and for me, that was when especially I was young. And I remember.. it's still there, but there was this youth camp called Indian Village. They've changed the name since, I forget what it's called now, but it's a Christian camp, where kids between 4th, 5th and sixth grade can go up the mountain with their church, and they have all of these activities. You can make bow and arrows and moccasins and stuff like this. And we used to do that every year with our church children's group. I remember one year there was like a children's minister who gave a sermon, and at the end of his sermon, I think I was in 4th or 5th grade, he gave what we call an altar call where he invites children if they want to repent of their sins and become Christians, to raise their hand and come forward to receive Christ. And I remember that on that evening, I didn't raise my hand, I didn't go forward or anything, and it was a little confusing, in a way, because I'd sort of grown up in church, but I felt like if I didn't make a decision or I didn't stand up, I just felt weird about it. For a whole year I felt a sense of anxiety or worry that I might go to hell because I didn't raise my hand at this worship service, and I don't know if you've ever had something, but as a kid.. it seems silly now but back then it was kind of a big deal to me. I would think of it from time to time. And incidentally, that was also, in a way, a tough year for me. I come from a divorced family and there was a lot of drama and things going on that year, as well. So it had just been a challenging year for me, as a kid. I was just a little older than Haven is. I remember it was that following summer at Indian Village, they had the boys sleep in these teepee's and so there were 12 beds and these kids would sleep on the beds and we would sing hymns and worship songs together, and we'd study the Bible at the end of the night. And the youth minister that was with us was reading from the Bible, and he invited me to pray in the spirit, so I went outside with him and we sat on this rock and he just began to pray over me. It was late at night; it was a summer evening. I remember sitting on a boulder and there are trees all around in the forest, and you could see the stars. I had the most profound spiritual experience of my life. And it's so hard to explain this; and maybe it was I think of myself as an intellectual person, which by the way goes completely against the purpose of my sermon today. But that's when, when we start to think of ourselves as intellectual people, very often that's when we lose this other part of our faith that's so important. And it was there when I was a kid that I just began to pray in the spirit, and I had the most unbelievable experience where it's like I went somewhere else, and I know this sound cliché but it was like I was in a bright white room, but it wasn't scary, and I felt like.. or not even a room, just a place or something, I don't know, but it just felt, I explained it later as a child that it felt like God gave me a hug, or God embraced me. It was incredibly comforting and life-giving, and what felt like maybe half a minute or even a minute, I was sort of shaken out of it by this guy, who was with me, because it had been three hours, and my voice was hoarse from praying. So that might seem strange to you, it's strange to me. But I look back on that experience as one of the most important experiences of my life because even as an adult, when you have things that you run into about your faith or this and that, there are these moments that are undeniable; these real things that happened to me that I look back and they sort of anchor me in this experience with God where God just showed Himself to me. And I was a kid! I was a pretty young kid at the time, but it was real! It's so vivid! I still have other moments when I was 16 in Thailand, times when I've experienced actual wonders, real miracles like I've shared these too many times, but in Thailand when it was the first time I'd really seen actual miracle after miracle. And it was so surreal, in a way. You felt like you were super hero or felt like you were in a movie to experience and see these wonderful works around preaching the gospel and worship in a place like Thailand. Even when I was in college, when I was a senior in high school, the reason I picked ORU is because the students were so great. I had lots of schools; I probably could have gone to Harvard. I hate to say that from the pulpit again, because of what my sermon's about, but I picked ORU because the students were so enriched by the spirit of God. And I experienced it as a senior. My sister was a student there and there were some kids from the high school, they had this worship service where it would start around.. remember these are charismatic Christians, right? They're not Presbyterian, they don't have a strict schedule. There are no committees involved here.

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It's just around 7:30 or 8 they would have worship, and it would sometimes go until 1 or 2 in the morning. What was amazing is they had this incredible guild of musicians, probably 40 or 50 of them, singers and various musicians, and they would come and go, and there was no order of worship, there was no sermon, it was just music. It was like jazz but worship music, and whatever song would come, spontaneous songs would come, they would sing then another song or hymn that everybody knows and the whole chapel would be full of voices singing, full of the spirit. I had to be there! And so I went there. I even became a member of that team, and my class had lots of well-known people. You might have heard of Kari Jobe, for example. She was in our group. We toured, and the irony is I wanted to be piano, but I got denied for piano but got accepted for voice. I never thought of myself as having a great voice, but I led worship. And I remember those as being some of the most profound deep times in my life. It would ebb and flow like anything, but in my relationship with the Lord. And then something happens for many of us who experienced God in these ways when we were children or teenagers or college students. There's this time sometime around your mid 20's where you realize you just know everything. Old people are wrong, young people are wrong, right around 25 or 26 you've figured it all out. That certainly happened to me. And looking back now, I recognize that there are these moments in life where you allow arrogance to creep in: my success is mine, or my walk is mine, or I know all there is to know as you lecture people on Romans chapter 9 or whatever it is. And really two events, going to seminary and being in a room full of people much smarter than I am, and also having a baby with colic. If you've ever had kids, a baby with colic means you're not going to sleep for about 9 months, among other things. Those events I think helped bring me a little closer to earth in terms of humbling me. And the only reason I say this is I don't think that being a kid or being a teen or being a college student that you have to be that way to have a profound experience with God, but when we're that way, we don't have what Jesus calls the riches and the worries of this life that choke out the thing that God is doing in your heart. There's nothing wrong with riches, of course, but with those come worries. And it's easy as you pay your mortgage or your rent, and you go to work 9 to 5 and you cart your kids off to school or your grandkids, and you've got to do things like paperwork. Is there anything more soul killing than bureaucratic paperwork? Every time you go to a doctor's office, here's nine sheets. I filled these out last time. Doesn't matter. That kind of thing over and over, day in and day out, does something to the spiritual life. I don't know if it's just me, but many of us, we have a type of arrogance, although it's not always often called that, about being in control of one's own life. It's an illusion, of course. But this idea that I'm here because I got myself here. That's the way Bobby Schuller often thinks, to be honest with you. A man of destiny, a man of purpose, a man of action. But at the end of the day, I'm really not much of a man, I'm a child. And it's only when I remember that, that I'm able to draw closer to the Lord. I think there's this weird thing that happens in the spiritual life where we grow in faith, but sometimes we're prone to pride and arrogance. And something kills the spiritual life when that happens. And very often, traumatic events, loss, disillusionment, lack of control forces us to either quit or to run to God for something. You find out the longer you live that there's so much in life you can't control no matter how clever you think you are. Like our son, Cohen, what can I do about Cohen? I'm powerless. All I can do is love him and pray for him and hope that God does something. I mean there are so many things in life like this that for a time, you either become embittered or you run to the Lord with a humble heart, and you say Lord, this is my life. I give it to you and I entrust it to you. And so again, the Lord is able to work in your heart. This is what I want to say to you. If there is a theme throughout the scripture, and I believe there is, an overarching theme, it is, it runs through the Old and New Testament, that God loves to lay low the arrogant and lift up the humble. To lay low the arrogant, and lift up the humble. A lot of people have gotten humbled this year; a lot of people. Sometimes, even though it can be humiliating and traumatic and difficult, and it never feels this way when you're in it, let me give you some hope and a promise: if you trust in the Lord, but you feel like you're so out of energy, out of hope, out of money, out of prospects, out of opportunity, out of job applications, whatever it is that you've gone through, you are just right there where God is about to do something amazing in your life. And I want to promise you that as you keep hope alive and continue to take a step forward, and humbly trust your life to Him instead of trying to sort everything out in your head, you watch, God's going to bring you where you need to go. And that is the thing of this whole advent series, actually. I do series' all the time, but they're kind of like series' in air quotes. So if you remember, the first week of advent we talked about this whole theme of the humble and the arrogant. The Seleucids are this incredible military force, Greeks, descendants of Alexander the Great who occupy Israel. There's no way they should have been beaten, and the Hasmoneans kicked them out of town, right?

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Bunch of farmers with pitchforks. It's an amazing story, an example in the Hannukah story of how God loves to lay low the arrogant and lift up the humble. Of course those Hasmonaeans and Judas Maccabee do a great thing, they established an independent Jewish state, but of course it's the kids. Isn't it always the kids, Hannah? The kids of the successors don't care about that story, they're all about wealth and power and we remember the Maccabee dynasty. This is them, and they just are so into themselves, and then a couple generations later, every single one assassinates the one before and says that they are the Messiah and I'm the Messiah and she's the Messiah, he's the Messiah, until Anna sees that a baby's born and it's a little baby that's the Messiah. And then finally last week we talked about Herod. I always thought it was so funny how Herod often is portrayed as this slothful, kind of like a trust fund guy eating pancakes with palm branches on him all the time. I don't know why I said pancakes, but I don't know. Herod was an incredibly genius, intelligent but evil villain. This is more probably what he looked like. Built all of these things. On one hand was a Jewish convert, but on the other hand so wanted to be famous, wanted to live for glory, and killed many of the people that probably loved him that on that fateful night in Bethlehem he wasn't invited to the party. He missed out, even though he had all the money, all the buildings, all the fame, all the glory, the only reason we remember him today is because he's a small part of a big story of the birth of Christ. A little boy born into a trough, a water trough, a manger. All that to simply say, you've heard me say this before, ego is not your amigo. In life, whether you're doing really well or doing poorly, ego will get in the way. Ego gets in the way of you loving God and knowing Him. Ego will destroy your prayer life. Ego will destroy the way you read the Bible. It'll destroy the way you drive. It'll destroy the way you tip. It'll do everything horrible to your life. Ego is not your amigo. It never helps and will always work against you, and always gets in the way of the Lord, who very often in the lives of a Christian, is a gentleman who comes into our lives when He's invited. And so I want to encourage you during this season to remain humble. That leads me to this Luke passage, one of the most famous passages ever. Try not to think of A Charlie Brown Christmas as I read this, but if you want to, you may. It's Luke chapter 2, verse 8: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone all around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them 'do not be afraid. I bring you good news,'" the gospel, right? I bring you the gospel "that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of heavenly armies or hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" Wow, what an amazing story. Everyone has heard this verse, I think, and it is so, so common. If you've seen Peanuts, you've heard it. If you've been to church on Christmas Eve, you've heard it. When we picture the shepherds in the field in the 21st century, it's something like this, isn't it. These are the shepherds, they got their beards and their canes, and they're middle-aged guys, they've been out there, they're like American farmers, kind of, just like classic. Usually they're even older than this. Sometimes white beards, kind of like a prophet. But if you were in the first century, and you're reading Luke chapter 2, that is the audience for whom this gospel was written, you wouldn't have thought of these guys at all. That's not a contemporary picture. You would have pictured this guy. Here's an actual shepherd, an 11 or 12-year-old boy. This is what most shepherds were like in those days. They would have either been a pre-pubescent boy, 10, 11, or 12, or more commonly, 90% of the time, a young girl. You would have pictured this if you heard shepherds out in the field. You would have pictured this girl. Again she's a real shepherd from the Middle East, a young girl. Or you might have even picture maybe slightly older, like a 15/16-year-old girl. We all recognize this famous picture of the Afghan teen from National Geographic in 1985. I just think it's one of the most popular pictures ever taken. This is what a first century person would have pictured when they heard that God appeared to shepherds. He would have appeared to a bunch of teenage girls and young boys. I mean girls being shepherds is already throughout the Bible itself. Rachel, Leah, for example. It goes on and on. Of course King David was a shepherd, but he would have looked like this kid here, not an old man with a big bushy beard. And that's because shepherding was considered lowly work. Very often sheep were public property so it wasn't, especially the first century, wasn't as much one guy's sheep as much as the village's sheep or goats. And so it would have really stood out to the first century reader that God appeared to a bunch of kids! Not a bunch of prophets, as we would imagine, as we make them look.

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Its interesting, there's a great Bible teacher named Ray Vanderlin who lived with Bedouins and this was one of the first things that he recognized is how shepherds are always kids. But it really stuck to him when he began to see the shepherd, which is not only the image we use for Jesus, but the Father uses this image for Himself throughout the Old Testament, that in a bronze age of war and might, that God chose Himself in this lowly position. The reason this is important is because it just seems plain to me, not only that God loves children and teens and college students, but there's something about them, and there's something about that stage in life that is attractional to Jesus. In fact when we think of the apostles, very often, you guys know, but most people don't know the apostles were teenagers when they were picked by the Lord. The oldest, Peter would have been 21 to 23. Most of them would have been your classic junior or senior in high school, around that age, plying their trade. The youngest, John was probably about 8th grade, something like that. These were the ones that Jesus chose to be His disciple, and these are the ones that changed the world forever. These are the ones that in many reasons why we're here, why we know the gospel is because of them. There's something about that spirit of a teen or of a kid that many of us must recapture. Jesus, when He's frustrated that these people that He's talking to just don't understand what He's saying, He then begins to curse various cities that He's been to, that He's performed real miracles in, and then it's like He's so angry and frustrated that these incredible things happened, but their hearts, they still didn't repent and turn to God. And then spontaneously He just sort of blurts out, He says "I praise you Lord of heaven and earth, for you have not revealed these things to the wise and the learned, but to little children." I want you to know there are many people in your life that are going to talk down to you, that are going to criticize you, that are going to put you down: you haven't read enough, you don't know enough about your Bible, you don't pray enough, you haven't been to seminary or these things, and all those things have incredible value, but at the end of the day, God looks at the heart. He looks at the heart. He loves to lift up the humble and lay low the arrogant. That brings me to the whole point of the thing. Today's the Sunday of love, isn't it. We lit the candle of love. And there's nothing worse for love whether it's your love for God or for your family or your friends or even your enemies, there's nothing that gets in the way more than arrogance, than ego. Ego. This to say just love the Lord. Just love Him. You're not going to figure everything out. Praise the Lord. I probably shouldn't know everything, that would be an incredible burden. I know what the Lord allows me to know and I seek after Him with all my heart. And just love people! You don't need to judge them. Just love them. They don't need a judge. It is really interesting, isn't it. Isn't it fun, I know this sounds arrogant to say this, but when people who really take themselves seriously are sort of made fun of a little bit? It is very fun to see people that are in positions of especially religious or political power, or any other thing where they look down their nose at people, and really think very highly of themselves, they are just like fresh meat for comedians, aren't they? I think that stand-up comedians, even though they're often dirty, not all of them are bad, really serve a purpose, an important role in a society. And I think one of them is to cleverly show arrogant people that they're taking themselves too seriously. In fact, we are living in an age where more and more people are just offended by everything. Don't get me wrong, I think it's so important that we always treat people respectfully, that we do our best to be kind to people, but if you get on Twitter at least, it's ridiculous the stuff that people get in trouble for. Now I think what's happening is there is coming.. it's probably already here, a battle between stand-up comedians and those in society that are easily offended, there is going to be an actual war. Not a war like with guns, but it's coming to this, I think. And I put all my money on the comedians, one hundred percent. It's almost like in the 1980's the far religious right, this is almost how the political world has gotten both on the right and the left, but especially the left. I mean there is this season coming. Dang it, Hannah, I did it. There is this season coming where everything, it is just like too easy to make fun of people that take themselves too seriously. Not that they're wrong or right, but that they're just so self-important. Religious leaders need that. Political leaders need that, if they want to be effective. It reminds me, there's this guy, Diogenes. I'll just very quickly. In the golden era of classical philosophy, we know the names like Aristotle and Plato and Socrates, but there was another guy, the father of cynicism named Diogenes. He's basically someone that turned being a hobo into a philosophy. Here's a classic painting of Diogenes who lived in an urn, probably being teased by some girls. I love this painting. I think it's really beautiful and well done. But anyway, this is Diogenes in this clay cylinder here. The one major inaccuracy about it is that Diogenes was always naked. He didn't wear any clothes. By the way, I'm not recommending you be like Diogenes, okay?

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But he was completely naked all the time, he just lived off of the generosity of others, or what he would find lying around, and he lived in Athens as a contemporary to Plato. And he was all about now. He was all about living for today, and he's the first to really receive the term cynicism, or cynic. Cynic is derived from a Greek word that means dog-like, and the reason they called the cynic philosophers dogs is because they walked around naked and they went to the restroom wherever they wanted to, and of course they were always teasing the very self-important philosophical aristocracy of Athens. Diogenes, King of Amman-Amal. The only piece of property that he had was a wooden bowl that he would use to drink water out of, or eat some rice or something from, and the story goes that one day he saw a little boy cup his hands and drink some water out of a river, and he took his bowl and he threw it and he said 'fool that I am!' Like he never realized you could just drink water with your hands. And this is his personality. He, like Plato, knew Socrates, and was really frustrated with, and this is so interesting, with Plato's take on what Socrates said. He always said that it wasn't true. So the funny thing is Socrates, the most famous philosopher ever maybe, never wrote anything down. All that we know about Socrates came from Plato. And so Diogenes, who also never wrote anything down, was constantly teasing Plato. They were peers. Very often, Socrates would go into the academy and listen to the lectures, Diogenes would rather, and would listen to the lectures, and he would always criticize them. And in a way, he was kind of a bit like post-modern. When they were all discussing in the academy – what is a human being, and they finally, after days of deliberating, came up with a description, it was a featherless biped that doesn't fly. And so Diogenes went and got a chicken and plucked all the feathers out, and he said 'I present to you all a man.' This kind of thing. This is how he was. And so he really drew, even though he was a little bit nuts, he really drew people to him because he stood in stark contrast to the academic elitism of Athens and later Corinth. In fact, there's this great story, I'm sure its apocryphal, I hope it's true, but Diogenes, totally naked, is sifting through some bones and Alexander the Great is in Corinth and seeks him out, and goes up to Diogenes and he says, 'I am Alexander the Great.' And no response from Diogenes, he's still looking through the bones, going through something, and Alexander the Great says 'what are you looking for?' And Diogenes looks up and says, 'I'm looking for the bones of your father, but I cannot decipher them from the bones of a slave.' Alexander is embarrassed by this somehow, struck, wanders away. And then later, days later, Diogenes is sun bathing, again naked, always naked, out there just in the sun, just an old man probably now at this age, just lying in the sun, and Alexander arrives with his entourage and stands over Diogenes and he says Diogenes, I honor you. Ask it and I will give you anything you ask. Diogenes kind of opens his eyes, and looks up and he says 'I'm sorry, what?' He says 'I am Alexander the Great. Ask and I will give you anything.' And he looks at Alexander the Great and he says 'move a little bit to the left. You're in my sun.' That was his request. That's all he wanted. Alexander the Great, struck by this then says 'if I were not Alexander the Great, I would wish to be Diogenes.' And Diogenes looked at him and said, 'if I were not Diogenes, I would wish to be Diogenes.' Kind of a funny story. All of this to simply say that in life, when you do well, when you've studied a lot, and you've got a lot of degrees or a lot of money, or you've achieved many of your goals, or done a lot of things you hoped you would have done, sometimes something else creeps in with that, a self-importance, that can ruin your walk with God. It can ruin your relationship with your neighbor, with your family and with your friends and with your enemies. Remember, you're supposed to love them, too. All of that to say on a Sunday of love, respect yourself, really. Respect yourself. Respect your boundaries, respect your office, but don't take yourself too seriously. Respect yourself but don't take yourself too seriously. We often think that the Biblical thing is about being strong or weak. It's really not. God wants you to be strong. It's about humility and arrogance. You can be strong and humble, and you can be weak and arrogant. You can be poor and arrogant, and you can be rich and humble. See it all the time. At the end of the day, God cares about the heart. We took nothing into this world; we'll take nothing out. And at the end of the day, this is what matters, that we remember that to love our enemy and to not judge them, we need to obviously stand for what is good and what is right and wrong, but to let go, let loose a little bit, and be a peaceful loving presence, especially now this year is what everybody needs. They need someone like you. Someone full of love, full of life, full of peace, someone that can tell a good joke sometimes, someone that you can enjoy a meal with, someone that you can be vulnerable with, confess your sins to, and know that you're not going to feel embarrassed. Someone that's going to be there to comfort you when things are hard. That's who you are. That's who you are. We continue to be that person. Also, inversely, don't let people, like if you have a big dream or something you want to do, don't let people say that's arrogant. That's not.

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There are lots of people with big dreams that are humble, and there are lots of people with no dreams that are arrogant. So I'm going to trust that you know the difference. Lord, we thank you and we love you, and we're so grateful for all that you've given to us, and we pray that we can be like the children who were the shepherds who heard your gospel, that we'll truly hear it. That in the same way that teenagers responded to Jesus to be disciples, and children responded as shepherds, that we would on one hand not be naïve and hold onto our wisdom and experience, but on the other hand, Lord, help us to be humble, and just reveal your spirit to us, we ask, God. It doesn't have to make sense. Reveal your Holy Spirit to us, and give us a vision, give us a word, give us a heart after you and a heart for the lost. And Lord, we ask all these things in Jesus' name, amen.

### BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

We wishing you a very, very Merry Christmas, and thank you for being at church with us today. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.