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WELCOME – Bobby & Hannah Schuller

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

HS: And welcome visitors and church family. We love being with you! Thank you for joining us. It's so important that you do not measure your healing by your feeling. Faith is not a feeling. Release your faith today by confessing God's word over any feelings. You are loved.

BS: Cohen wants you to know his name is Cohen and Pirates of the Caribbean. Yes. Say hi. Say hi. Anyway, we're so glad you're with us today. If you're here with your friends or family or by yourself or whatever, we just pray that you find friends here. We're so grateful for all of you who are watching on television and online. Really believe that today God has a great word for you. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much that you love us. Stand with us this morning, this day. Thank you, Lord, that we don't have to walk through life alone, that you are with us, and we trust you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

HS: Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE – John 13,12-17 - Hannah Schuller

In preparation for the message, John 13:12-17: When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. Do you understand what I have done for you, he asked them. You call me teacher and lord, and rightly so for that is what I am. Now that I, your lord and teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. Amen.

INTERVIEW – Chris (CN) & Nik Nikic (NN) and Bobby Schuller (BS)

Chris and Nik Nikic are a father and son who co-wrote the new book, 1% Better: Reaching My Full Potential and How You Can Too. Last year, Chris became the first person with Down syndrome to finish an Ironman Triathlon, and his story inspired by a commitment to getting just 1% better each day. His encouragement is that whether training for a triathlon, improving relationships, or working towards goals and dreams, we can accomplish anything when we make slow and steady progress.

BS: Hey guys, hi, welcome! Thank you so much for joining us. For those who don't know a lot about you, tell us a little bit about your story.

CN: So I'm Chris Nikic, I'm an Ironman triathlete, a public speaker, and most importantly, I'm here to, because I want to tell of God's awesomeness right here in Boston.

NN: And I'm the father of two wonderful children and married to the most amazing woman for 35 years. I own my own business, and it's been quite a journey watching Chris go through this last couple years.

BS: That's awesome. You have such an amazing story. What motivated you to train and take part in a triathlon?

CN: It's because of my dream. It has three core goals – one is to live independent and to have a woman like my mom and to go out places and just like be part of the Boston Family, New York Family, and love God.

NN: And on New Year's Eve of..

CN: Family everywhere.

NN: ..New Year's Eve of 2019, Chris wrote down his dreams and we, my wife and I, listened to them and said why not. Why can't he have his dreams if he's willing to work hard enough, and that's how we came up with the goal of doing an ironman so he could become a public speaker and all the other things that come with that, and so Chris is a living testament to the power and the gifts that God has given him and his ability to work for them, and to pursue his dreams through good effort and getting 1% better every day. And he's been wonderful in what he's been able to do to be an example to others like him around the world that they too can leverage the gifts that God gave them to do things that none of us thought were possible.

BS: You think about an ironman, too, it's like just an incredible accomplishment and it's an amazing thing for anyone to do. Your new book is called 1% Better. Share with us the heart behind this idea and how we can grow by getting 1% better every day.

CN: It was my idea. I actually came up with that it was in a prayer and over a year ago, I started with 1% sit up and squat. And then I couldn't be able to swim, bike, or run, I started just like ride my bike, run by one, and learned how to swim and that is called 1%.

NN: And then two years later, two and a half years later, he's doing an ironman.

CN: Two and a half years later, I become an Ironman.

NN: And that's really the principle. You start with one of something, and then you just believe you can do one more and one more and one more. Chris can now do 400 pushups, sit-ups and squats. He can do an ironman. He can do a marathon all because for two and a half years, he was willing to just do one more every other day, and so the potential is just now limitless, based on what we've been able to see.

BS: That's so awesome. What an encouragement. Nik, you say that God's plans for us are much better than our own. How's this been proven true in your life and in Chris' life?

NN: Well when Chris was born, we were devastated because we were told by all the experts of all the things Chris couldn't do. God had a different plan. When Chris was five months old, he had open heart surgery and on day seven they said there's no hope that his surgery would be.. that he would need a heart monitor and a pacemaker. So we asked all of our friends to pray for him, and then on day eight the doctors came back in and said we don't know what happened. This has never happened before. He doesn't need a pacemaker. And we thought well, that's because God has a bigger plan because Chris couldn't do an ironman twenty years later with a pacemaker. And so God has a plan that we can't even begin to understand, and so we just trust that we do it His will, we ask for His strength, for guidance, and we just trust that we're doing His will because there's a bigger vision, things that we just can't even begin to imagine. None of us could have imagined this scenario even two or three years ago, let alone twenty years ago, but God had a plan and He brought me and my wife together to bring that plan to fruition and to bring Chris to this point where he's making a positive impact in the world.

CN: And here's my advice for parents, is that do not let them listen to experts it's because they'll close them out. They need hope, they need hope for the children, and just please tell them we've got to take the lid off, seriously.

NN: Yes, we taught Chris to..

CN: And then..

NN: ..to not believe in limits, take the lid off and stop listening to people telling you what you can't do. God has a bigger vision for what Chris can do, and what the rest of us can do.

BS: That's so encouraging. What encouragement really do you hope and have for anybody who really wants to start something but really doesn't know where to begin?

CN: Start small, work hard, eat your protein, is a course written hope.

BS: Did you say eat your protein?

NN: Yes, eat your protein through Chipotle. That is the plan really, start small. It's kind of like you can't see a way out, but what you can see is do one thing today, and do one more thing tomorrow. Read one more verse. Just do one more. Just give one more person some hope until it becomes a mindset and a habit, and then the power of what you can do and your gifts really starts to come alive.

BS: That's awesome. Wow. Well this has been a great interview and a great book. The book is called 1% Better. I want to encourage you. It's an amazing story. It's really well written. Chris and Nik Nikic, thank you so for your time with us, and thank you for being an encouragement to so many people out there who want to improve their lives. We really are grateful for both of you. God bless you. Thank you for joining us.

NN: Thank you. Maybe we can come visit in person one day.

BS: Yes, we'll do it. Sounds good.

CN: Thank you, man!

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

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

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Courage is for Others"

It's a question, and maybe you've already answered it, but there's a question that almost everybody in this room is unconsciously asking all the time, or asking it when we wake up and when we go to bed, we're especially asking it when we have angst about our own death or some looming dread with a sickness, and it's a question that's been asked by philosophers for thousands of years, and there have been many answers to it. And the question is this: who has a truly great life? I don't mean a good life; I don't mean like a life that's like kind of nice and that was a good life, I mean the kind of legendary, amazing life that so many of us secretly want. Who has that life? And the next question naturally for so many people would be: what do I have to do to be in that very rare, lucky few that I lived the kind of life that most people would say was epic, amazing, legendary, was truly great. My hope today is if you don't hear anything else I say today, is that the world's definition of that life is false, and that the best and greatest life you can live that's available right now is under God's loving care and way. I hope to prove that to you today; that you leave with that song in your heart, and that you carry it to your grave. It's interesting because as a fan of history, you kind of notice how bad weather places create strong people. Whether it's a bad desert place or a bad rainy place. I grew up here in Southern California, bad weather place, am I right? Psych. California is amazing. The weather is so good and I had the privilege, and I mean that, of living in Oklahoma, a bad weather place for six years. I talk about Oklahoma a lot. Oklahomans are obsessed with weather because it has such a big effect on their life. If you were to live in Oklahoma, the winters are ice cold, snow and sleet all the time, the summers are horribly hot. I remember once there was a time we had a lot of Tulsans moving out to California, I believe there was like 17 days in a row where it never dropped below a hundred degrees in Tulsa, including at night. Now think about that. Those of you who have not lived in the South, you don't know. When you walk outside and it's pitch-black outside and the stars are out and it's a hundred degrees, it's a very strange feeling. Imagine living through that, as many of you have, sleeping through that at night, it's a hundred degrees and there's no air conditioning. Back in the 19 whatever. Many of you experienced that as children. So people who live in bad weather places prepare for life. They prepare for the storm, they prepare for the rain, they're ready, usually, when those things come, and they're considered a fool if they don't.

Not long ago, I remember going to Rancho Capistrano, its run by Saddleback which is an amazing church, amazing community of people but they made a blunder; this is a classic something we would have done, too. They had this amazing outdoor setup, but a horrible storm came through and ruined everything. It was like TV's, umbrellas, just completely wiped out because it's just like they never thought about what if a storm comes, because living in Southern California it's going to be like 70 all week long, I promise, it's going to be beautiful. So they weren't ready. And I remember when I saw that, I thought someone from Oklahoma would have never done that because they're just always assume a tornado's coming, and if it's not a tornado, its snow, and if it's not snow, the heat's going to bake that TV to death. So Jesus talks about this. He's from a hard weather country, a desert. He says "anyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a man who builds his house on the rock. The rains came down, the streams rose and the wind blew against that house but it stood because it had its foundation on a rock. But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice, is like a fool who built his house on a wadi" you know what a wadi is? Like a riverbed. Built his house on a riverbed. "The rains came down; the streams rose and the wind beat against that house and it fell with a great crash." I remember when I was a kid growing up in Sunday school, it was always taught that to build your house on the rock meant to build your life on the person of Jesus Christ, which is true. The scriptures do attest to that. But in this context, Jesus Himself actually doesn't say that. He doesn't say whoever builds it on me, He says whoever builds his house on what I'm saying and puts it into practice. If someone takes the sermon I just preached, believes it as wisdom, walks out and practices as a disciple what I'm teaching you, he or she will live the kind of life that everybody wants to live. The kind that even though the rain is coming down and the wind is beating against the house, it stands strong and endures. Jesus is preaching that there's a kind of life available in His teachings, not just in His spirit, and we need His spirit, but in His teachings, that we take it seriously, that the way to have an epic, amazing, joyful, a life that oozes with happiness, and even glory, that the way to live that kind of life is to take His words seriously. To live daily under the care, comfort and way of God. In the unhurried rhythms of grace. To have a completely new heart, a heart that forgives, because it truly wants to forgive. A heart that lets go of bitterness. A heart that lives honestly with no lies. A heart that's not insatiable, always lusting and wanting more, but one that's at peace with God's will. One that lets go of judging his or her neighbor, and let's go of gossip and competition and anger and wrath. One that helps others, not just for show but believes in helping, one that prays and fasts because not so that people see them praying and fasting, but because they believe that God will respond to the prayer of a child. One that believes with faith that my faith can move mountains. Someone who takes Christ' words and lives by them is a happy person. That is a person destined to live a great life. No one else. That's the life. That's it. And guess what – its available to everybody. And you know else is true is that when those other people who build their house on the wadi, when it rains and the rains come down and it falls, they can look to a rock and see a house standing upon it and know there's a place to run. Isn't that good, too? To know that when you endure your storm because you're rooted in the life of Christ and His teachings, you'll have a comforting place. People will know there's a better way. You can encourage someone in that way today. The world's answer to this question, the default answer is almost always a great life belongs to a lucky few. A great life belongs to those who are talented enough, rich enough, good enough, lucky enough, married to the right parents enough to make it to that thing that everybody wants. One of my favorite authors Nassim Taleb calls this extremistan, that the technologies of today have caused certain industries to become places that engender extreme outliers from the sample. In other words, there used to be if you wrote a book, that you would sell your books and a fair amount of people would read them, or it used to be that if you went to a tavern and you wanted to hear music.

A band had to play it because there was no such thing as a stereo system. And so people needed bands! Can you imagine people needing bands? It used to be that there's no photography so people needed an artist to paint a picture of their family so that artists would have work to.. there'd be need for lots of artists, need for lots of musicians, and that need has diminished over time where you have these outlier rockstars, outlier super artists, outliers' super authors that take almost everything, I think that two years ago, 16,000 books were published, and the top four books that were published made more money than all the other books combined. There's extremistan, you see? So we point to the inheritors of extremistan, people like this as the ultimate life. The biggest winners in politics, in film, in industry, in publishing, in music, we look at billionaires, rock stars, presidents, uber politicians and think wow, if I could just be like them. Don't get me wrong, many of these are wonderful people. There's nothing wrong with their life. But there is something in our head, isn't there, that like if only. If only I could live a truly great life like that. But only a few can. And yet, what if I told you most of the people in that extremistan set do not feel happy with their lives. That overall, they are less happy with their lives than most of us are with our lives. That rates of divorce are higher in that group than in our group. Would you believe me? Isn't it an irony that no one for a second doubts that what I just said is true? And yet within us, there is still this desire – what if I could be like that. The good news is God offers something to us that is so much better than what the rare few in extremistan have attained. And some people in the extremistan have attained it and that's a good thing. But you don't need that stuff. There's someone I talk about a lot who fits into that extremistan model because he's had such an impact on our lives today and on the Bible, even though he's not a character in the Bible, he's around it. And that is the greatest celebrity of the ancient world. I talk about him all the time – Alexander the Great. Amazing what Alexander the Great did. If you asked any of the great men and women of the ancient western history who's the greatest who's ever lived, its Alexander the Great. He's the great one. Caesar Augustus, for example, went to Alexander the Great's tomb in Alexandria, he was encased in a crystal sarcophagus in the city at a thing that's basically a temple. And because Caesar Augustus had visited the city, they allowed him to see the open body of Alexander the Great and Augustus leaned over and kissed his nose, and when he kissed the nose of the corpse of Alexander the Great, the nose fell off. Isn't that a great story? A great reminder. Caligula who came later, another Caesar, wore Alexander the Great's breastplate around all the time to sort of show that he was like Alexander. He's this great, great hero. And yet I even think about that, and I think okay Alexander the Great was probably a genius, mentored by Aristotle, inherited his dad's army which at the time would have been the largest army and most sophisticated army in the world, or at least in that part of the world. And took over the world. But he died at 32! He died at 32 weeping. Is that a great life? So many of the ancient philosophers ask the question I just asked, and there's another person in Alexander the Great's day who is another favorite of mine. If you've been listening to me for a while, it won't be the first time you've heard of him, but Diogenes. Diogenes who lived all over parts of Greece, lived his life completely naked. That's a dream, huh? He owned nothing except a wooden bowl. He lived with dogs. But he was a genius. He was always going into the academy and debating Plato. He would walk around with a lamp and say I'm looking for a brave man, I'm looking for an honest man, I can't find him anywhere. All these like theatrical things. And Diogenes just believed that he just didn't need any of the things that the Greek world said he needed. He already had it right now, and so all he owned was a wooden bowl, and the story goes that one day he reached down to drink out of a river and he saw a child cupping her hands drinking from her hands like this, and he took his bowl and he threw it and said fool that I am! I don't even need this stupid bowl. And so the story goes, he has all of these great things he's contributed to philosophy, but Alexander the Great, who considered himself a philosopher, visited Diogenes on occasion. The first time they met.. these all might be apocryphal stories.

But the first time they met, Diogenes was sifting through human bones and Alexander the Great came up to him and he was trying to talk to him, and Diogenes wouldn't even acknowledge his presence. You got to think about this. This is like whatever you think about getting visited by the President would be, multiply it times a million. That's what it'd be. And Alexander the Great wouldn't have been alone. It would have been a huge entourage and animals, decorated, a parade everywhere he goes. Talking to Diogenes, Diogenes is completely ignoring him, does not give a hoot. What did you think I was going to say? Was sifting through the bones, and finally Alexander the Great goes 'what are you looking for?' He was trying to get him to talk to him. And finally Diogenes looks up and says 'I'm looking for the remains of your father.' You see a philosophical claim. He's saying you might think you're hot stuff, but you're doomed. You're going to die. There's another story where Diogenes, he loved to sunbathe, would have done well in California; well Greece is California in the East. Laying out in the sun. And Alexander the Great comes to visit him, and says to Diogenes, 'Diogenes, I control the whole world. I have all the wealth in the world. Anything you want, ask me now, I'll give it to you.' Diogenes looks up at him and he says, 'all I want is this: move one foot to the right, you're standing in my sun.' And Alexander the Great says to Diogenes, 'if I were not Alexander the Great, I would wish that I were Diogenes.' And Diogenes says to Alexander the Great, 'if I were not Diogenes, I would wish to be Diogenes.' Stoicism, which is one of the most popular philosophies, it's becoming popular again, actually, which is probably a good thing, we normally credit it to a guy named Zeno, Zeno of Citium, who got it from Cleanthes, who got it from Diogenes. So he's really a proto stoic, and he really began to develop this question by so many in his day, like is there a good life, a great life, even, that anyone could have if they just had the knowledge? And the answer was yes. And that's why I like the story, it's not that we're stoics, it's not that we want to be naked, homeless people sleeping with dogs, it's that Diogenes actually came a little closer, I think, to what's available in the kingdom than what Alexander the Great did. And there are some in the philosophical world who would point to Diogenes, not Alexander as a better life. Cause he was true to himself, you see, and he lived the kind of life that's available to anyone who has the courage to live it. You don't have to be lucky. So I think today, many of us wrestle with this desire for an Alexander kind of life. And I want you to know that it's a mirage. You're in a desert, you're thirsty, but what you see in those people is a complete illusion. It's your thirst and drive for something more, and the projection that they're giving you through perfect pictures and audio clips, that's fooling us, fooling us all to believe that that's a great life, but it's not. Jesus teaches us that the greatest, happiest, richest life is available now in the unhurried rhythms of life in His kingdom. It's the kind of life that raises people from the dead. It's the kind of life that walks on water. It's the kind of life that's not available to anyone unless they let go of that and hold fast to this, the spirit of God and His word. Unhurried life of God in me now. Its right available to you right now. That's who has a great life. You know who has a great life? You do. Its right there. Right there. Its right there. You're looking for something you already have. In the spirit of God and His salvation in His teaching. So that's it. That's what we want. I believe that if you have a good enough "why," you can do just about anything. You think you couldn't swim through shark infested waters, right? But imagine you had to save your daughter. All of a sudden you've got a good why. You think you can't lose weight until your enemies wedding comes up, and you got to fit in a dress and look like the true you. Being healthy is the worst why in the world to lose weight. Who wouldn't want to be healthier, but most of us are healthy enough. I know I am. That's why I eat double stuff Oreos. Right? So being healthy is a bad why. Looking good at your enemies wedding, looking good at your high school reunion, that's a good why. Those are the kind of why's that motivate us. Thinking wouldn't it be cool to stand in one place for 24 hours. That's a bad why. But hey if you stand in one place for 24 hours, I'll give you a million bucks, that's a good why. And I think so many of us as believers were given a bad why. Why should I follow Christ? Why should I do what Jesus teaches in terms of living towards my neighbor?

And the why for most people is so that I can be a respectable Christian. Or the why is so that I'm not a bad person or a hypocrite. Or so that I'm not ostracized or pushed out. I'll do about what everybody else does, but I don't want to be a bad person. That's the spiritual equivalent of its good for you. It's not a good why, and it's not even a why. That's not even a reason. The reason we should live this way is because it's the most epic, amazing, joyful life we could live. This word mekarios, one of the worst translated Greek words in the Bible, we always see it through a Catholic lens – blessed. Anytime you see the word “blessed” most of us misunderstand it. We hear “blessed”, blessed, we even add the extra syllable just to make it sound more blessed. It's blessed! It's like blessed, that's your why. In the Bible, this word “blessed” mekarios, it means the closest word we have in English, and it doesn't even cover it, is happy. But happy's not even a good word. It just means oozing with happiness. Like you are so fulfilled, enriched, brought to life happy, full of joy, oozing with joy. That's mekarios. Do you hear that when you hear “blessed”? When Jesus is washing the feet of His disciples, meant if you've grown up in church, you've heard this story a million times. Right before He's crucified, Jesus takes off His garment, which is a nice garment, and He puts on a towel, and He dresses like a slave, and He goes around and washes the feet of these young people, and they would have had animal dung and dirt and stuff on their feet, getting into their nails and stuff, and cleaning it all out. It's a very.. getting between the toes with His hands. You see? Its gross. And He's doing this, and He washes their feet, and they're embarrassed because they have so much respect for.. and He cleans it, and then He says “no servant is greater than His master. No student is greater than his rabbi. I have done this for you, do this for each other.” Okay? If He had left it there, then the why would have been it's good for you. It's a good thing. You should do it. You should do it. But that's not what He says. In John 13:17, right after He says that, so He says so serving each other and loving each other and serving the people that follow you, He says, “now that you know these things, you will be mekarios.” You will be blessed if you do them. Not blessed. That's not what He means. He means if you do what I just did here, if you wash people's feet, in the spirit that I did it, with the heart that I did it, you will be oozing with joy and life. It's how He begins the Sermon the Mount, when He says blessed are the poor in spirit. He's saying blessed are you if you're sick, blessed are you if you just got fired, blessed are you if you just lost a limb, blessed are you if you just lost someone you loved. Blessed are you if everything in your life is falling apart. Blessed are you if you just lost your business because someone betrayed you. Blessed are you if you're being sued and you're losing because you can't afford good attorneys. Blessed are you if you hate your job. Blessed are you if your marriage isn't going well. Blessed are you if you're broken up with your children or your parents. Blessed are you if everything in your life is going wrong. Why? Because what I'm about to teach you and show you is that you can be the most joyful, happy, life fulfilled oozing with joy kind of person; a house that's built on a rock kind of person, if you just do this, if you just do this, if you just do what I'm telling you to do today, all of those things will melt away, and you will find victory in me by just living in my kingdom. By just living in my kingdom. By just living in God's loving care and way. That's who has a great life. Its available to all of us right now. We already have it. Its right here. Its available to all of us. Right here. Right here. We still look to Alexander, but its right here. We're like people in a desert carrying a canteen of ice-cold lemonade, looking at a mirage, saying maybe there's lemonade over there. But this is the promise and I can tell you I've lived it. This is what's available now. Living in the unhurried life of God now. Its available. Its available. So who's happy? Who's got a good life? Anyone who believes and trusts that they're in the kingdom right now. Anyone who lives under God's loving care and way. That's who has a great life. You'll see. You'll see. See this is why so many young people don't want to be believers is because the gospel, the false gospel they're told is it's just forgiveness of sins, and it is that, but it's like forgiven of sins, here's your ticket to heaven, hold onto this tightly while life stinks, and you're unhappy and stressed out and just trying to make your way, and then you'll get to heaven.

And there's this risk that by turning my back on a lot of these alluring things that the church calls sinful, I'm hoping that this ticket, that there is a heaven, first of all, and that I actually get there, right? But that's not the gospel. That's taking a part of the gospel. The gospel is come into heaven now. Right now. And you can test it. You can try it. You can literally try this today. Even if you're not even sure you believe; you can try these things and you'll begin to see the kingdom of heaven's boiling up inside of you, if you live with this right kind of heart today. And you don't have to worry about it. It's not choosing a bad life now for a good life later, it's choosing a good life now that is so awesome it goes on after I die. You see when we die, we don't go to heaven. When we die, we're already in heaven. Does that make sense? Because we're in it now. Okay. So today, really today, not because you should, or because you ought to be a good person, or it's the right thing to do, but if you really want to live a great life, turn your heart into God's heart. Turn your heart into the kind of heart that walks every moment in the unhurried rhythms of grace. Just refuse to live from a place of pride, worry and hurry. Have a heart that forgives and that wants to forgive. Have the kind of heart that lives honestly and doesn't deceive or trick or fool or put up a front. Live with the kind of heart that's not always more, always insatiable, always needing more in my life. Live the kind of heart that doesn't need to judge, it let's go of judging. It lets God be the judge. A kind of heart that helps and is interruptible and is available to people who are hurting, who are considered outsiders, and it doesn't do it so that other people will see, or that I get thanks, but just because I've learned to see people the way God does, as His treasures that are loved by Him. That I recognize that living by the golden rule, like what would I want if I was that person? What would I need if I was in that position. What would the golden rule be for me to love that person in the way that they need to be loved right now. And to be so unhurried and unprideful that I can be interrupted by this person now and love them. And to pray and to fast and to believe that God will answer my prayer, and that what He promises in His word is true. And to believe with faith that any person can do anything if it's God's plan. And all we have to do is be the messenger and tell the mountain to move because that's God's plan. Living in this kind of life is what's available now for you. I hope it doesn't sound judgy. I want you to hear that it's so easy to be seduced by this mirage but that you have the canteen, you have rivers of living water available to you already. Believe it and live in it today. Live in the unhurried rhythms of grace. So Father, we just ask for that. We just ask right now for an outpouring of your spirit. Lord, we need you now more than ever. I just pray your spirit to fall in power under everyone under the sound of my voice, those who hear these words critically with hard hearts, Lord, push through that, Lord, those who are feeling tired and don't have ears, open their ears and pray, God. Those who want what I'm saying, but can't seem to find it or can't bring themselves to believe it. Give them faith I pray, Lord. Pour out your spirit in our hearts, Lord, for any person that would pause in this moment and say Lord, I need you. Would you answer that prayer. You said anybody who knocks you would answer the door. Anybody who seeks would find. We're looking for you, God. So I pray God for an outpouring of your spirit. Give to them what you gave to me. Lord, I pray for it in Jesus' name, just an outpouring of your spirit, God, and that today would be a new day for everyone under the sound of my voice. And I pray it in Jesus' name, amen. Amen. Would you stand with me? We're going to sing together.

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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 peace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.