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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. Good morning.

HS: And hello visitors and church family. You know Friday night as we prayed for Rocio, she said she felt heat going through the parts of her body that were in severe pain, and then a huge smile went across her face as she began to rock her foot and move her body with zero pain. Jesus.. yes, thank you. Jesus is the great miracle worker today, and He loves you.

BS: Amen. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much for your friendship and your presence here. We ask, Lord, in Jesus' name that your power would move with grace, and Lord, that you'd lift us up during these times. We love you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

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

### SCRIPTURE – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - Hannah

In preparation for the message, Deuteronomy 30:15. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Amen.

### INTERVIEW – Roma Downey (RD) with Bobby Schuller (BS)

Roma Downey is a producer and Emmy and Golden Globe nominated actress, who was on the hit series, Touched by an Angel. With her husband, Mark Burnett, they have produced faith-based series such as The Bible, A.D.: The Bible Continues. Roma aims to shine Jesus' light in all that she does. Also an author, her new book, Be An Angel: Devotions to Inspire and Encourage Love and Light Along the Way, looks at how we can encourage people daily wherever we encounter them.

BS: Hi Joshua, how are you?

BS: Roma Downey, hi! What a joy to have you.

RD: Hi, Bobby. Hello, good morning. God bless you today.

BS: It's so great to see you, and of course last time we saw you was in the house, but it's nice to have you virtually through zoom, anyway. We're so glad you're here.

RD: Thank you for having me. And that music, your choir is sensational.

BS: Oh thank you. We love them. Appreciate it.

RD: Bless my heart. Bless my heart. Okay.

BS: Well I'm really excited to talk about your new book. It's called Be An Angel and it's this wonderful devotional book that's helping people really draw close to the Lord and be encouraged in the morning. Before we get to that, maybe for those who may not have seen "Touched by An Angel" or "The Bible" project or many of the other things that you've been doing, tell us a little bit about your faith journey and some of the things you've been working on.

RD: Yes, well you know Touched by An Angel came on in 1994, Bobby, but that year when the script arrived on my desk, I was so thrilled because I am a believer and suddenly to be asked to play an angel on national TV, to bring a central message that there is a God, He loves us, He wants to be part of our life.

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And at the height of the show, twenty-five million people tuned in every Sunday night for that message. So for those of us on the show, we would pray before those scenes that the Holy Spirit would come through us and out through the camera and into the hearts of the people watching. So I've had a beautiful connection to angels for all these years. I've been mostly producing, not acting as much. I have a film coming onto Amazon Prime called "On a Wing and a Prayer," but all the content, Bobby, that I'm doing is really uplifting. Its glorifying God in some way. And so in the early morning's, as well as my producing work, I like to write, and it came into my heart just to write this devotional that it would be an encouragement to someone maybe who's had disappointment this year, who's experienced loss or hardship, is going through some sort of grief or bereavement, and I wrote this book hoping that it would be a comfort and a strength. It is called Be an Angel, and it really serves as a reminder to each of us to be like the angels, and to lift each other up, and to be kind. Each chapter ends with a suggestion of how you can be an angel, so it's not just a reading book, it's a suggestion to get up and do something for somebody else book, as well.

BS: I love it. It's such a needed book, too, and your spirit is so needed at this time. I feel like COVID did a lot more than just the disease itself. A lot of people started drinking more, or even became alcoholics. Some people went through divorce. A lot of people had health problems that they're still dealing with. Where now COVID is sort like on the backburner, but there's these societal leftovers where people seem to be a little short tempered with each other. Just a lot of things going on. A book like this is such an encouragement. Do you feel that way? Do you feel like it's been that way?

RD: I do, I mean I know that I'm on social media a little bit, and I'm always surprised at how people talk to each other, just how incredibly rude and mean spirited sometimes people's comments can be. And so I just felt the prompt to write a book that could be like an antidote to that. This book really is about encouraging us to be nice. I mean my Irish dad was full of wisdom, but from things like 'if you've nothing nice to say,' he would say "say nothing." But certainly don't lay it on and just be rude. The world is.. sometimes I think we've gone crazy. We just have to remember that God is up in it with us, and if we can just start to try to be the change ourselves that we want to see, and if that just starts with our own personal grace, and our own personal encouragement to each other. So this book is written, I imagine, that people who are already on a faith walk may want to join me in the mornings with this book, but I also encourage the viewers that if they know someone in their life who's been kind to them, who's been like an angel to them, that this book would make a nice gift and maybe invite somebody into the beginnings of a faith walk, as well. It's written for everybody - those of us who believe and those of us who have yet to discover.

BS: I love it because it really does draw people into that mindset of kindness, and it makes you feel kinder to yourself when you're kinder to people, actually. It's weird how those gifts that we give other people, we sort of accidentally give them to ourselves as we live it out through the day. What do you think, Roma Downey, is a really great, or encouragement you can give to someone to just be more of an angel today?

RD: Well one of my favorite scriptures is Psalm 46, just to be still and know, and I think we live such noisy lives. We're on our phones, we're on our laptops, we listen to music, we're in conversation, got the TV on. I would just encourage everybody out there just to take a moment today to move into that stillness to feel the presence of the Lord and to be encouraged by that. It's like that's available to us all the time. Sunday's we have church, but there's the rest of the week, as well, and just to.. wherever you are, find a little bit of quiet. I feel more connected when I have a little bit of quiet.

BS: That's great. Well thank you so much Roma Downey. The book is called Be an Angel: Devotions to inspire and encourage love and light along the way. Roma Downey, thank you so much. We appreciate you and thank you for this great book.

RD: Thank you, Bobby. Take care. Have a great day.

### MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "If You Do What Everyone Does, You Get What Everyone Gets "

One of my main goals in life is to convince people that Jesus Christ has made a way to open up the doors to the good life, wide open; that there is made available to you and to me and to every person in this room the opportunity to not just be at peace with God, but to be flourishing in His kingdom, regardless of how you physically feel, regardless of your age, regardless of your education or financial situation, God makes available to us through Jesus Christ a brand-new life. And I want to encourage you to get the keys to that kingdom by believing and entrusting your life to Jesus. I want to encourage you this morning to make a decision to invite Christ into your life; to receive the forgiveness of sins; to believe in the cross and the resurrection.

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And to commit your life as a disciple to Him. If you do that, your life will never be the same. Every single week I give this invitation and we have people that let us know, Bobby, I made that decision and something changed inside of me. Or God sent somebody into my life, or I found the right church, or just everything turned around because I believed that I was forgiven and called by God. And I want to encourage you to do that today. It might be the last time you even get a chance like this to make a decision like this. Just do it now wherever you are, and pray and invite Christ into your heart. And if you made that decision, I want you to text me the word HOPE to the number on the screen so our team can pray for you. We're not going to hit you up; we just want to pray for you. That's it. Well, one thing about becoming a Christian is there a price to pay. The good news is the biggest price was paid by Christ, but there's another price, and that is the cross we take up. And it's easy to look at that price and say that's expensive. It's expensive to forgive people, it's expensive to spend my time studying scripture, or to be a part of a church or to do these things, but there's also a down side if we don't do those things. In other words, the cost is worth it. The cost is worth it. I still remember when I was 18-years-old and I just started in college, and I had no money. I mean I had some money – I had \$6.25 an hour from Barnes and Noble. I remember, actually, those days being back there and mopping. And this was in Oklahoma so people didn't really go to the Starbucks in Barnes and Noble that much, and when they did, they always told you how the cappuccino didn't taste like the one from Quick Trip. Quick Trip is a gas station that makes these like very sweet, latte style drinks. And I remember being in there and seeing this crush, this girl I had a crush on, Hannah Presley, and she would come in with her boyfriend and all of her cool friends with their new cars, and I was there packing trash and mopping floors. I had no money, and it was a rough time. And during that time, I got a credit card in the mail with my name on it with a thousand-dollar credit limit. And my mom said, 'Bobby, you're 18 now. I'll tell you what. I know you need some help. You can use that card, but don't spend more than \$200 and I'll take care of it for you.' This was a gift from heaven. Now I was in business school at the time; I'd just started, but I really didn't understand economics because I took this card and have you ever done this before, you kind of keep a general tally in your head. Six dollars here, five-dollar pasta there, little bit there, little bit there. And right when I got to about two hundred, I dialed back and I said I think I'm about two hundred. And when I got that bill, guess how much it was? Eight hundred and twenty dollars! For me to get an \$820 bill, my mind was blown. I was like surely I didn't spend more.. and I went through the whole thing – tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, and I realized yes sir, you spent \$820. Now this was tough because I didn't have a lot of money, my mom didn't have a lot of money, and she took care of it for me, which was so sweet of her, but I was ashamed that I had to slide across the table this \$800 bill because I didn't know where it all went. And I learned something that day, not just about credit cards, and not just about money, but about something in life. In life, you can pay now or you can pay later, but you always have to pay. You can pay now, or you can pay later, but you have to pay. And the price that you pay later is always a lot more than you're tallying in your head. It's always a lot more than you feel at the time. But when the bill comes due, you wish you could go back in time to that idiot a month ago and say no! Ugh. Ask your mom to give you \$200 cash! So when it's gone, its gone. In life, you can pay now, and you can pay later. Can I just say this, my friend, you can be all you were born to be. God does not care about your age. God is not worried about your financial situation. God is not up late at night bothered by your lack of education. God believes, and I believe, all things are possible for you. You can become all you were born to be or less than you were born to be. But if you want to be all you were made to be, you have to be willing to pay the price. You have to be willing to do what nobody else will do. If you do what nobody else does, you will become someone that nobody else has become, and everybody will call you lucky. If you do what people are not willing to do, you will get what people will not get when the time comes. It takes time, but you can become, and you can attain the life that God has called you to, but there is a price. There is a price. A famous pastor from Germany during the second world war named Dietrich Bonhoffer has an amazing story. Wonderful professor, a committed Christian and a pastor, started an underground seminary, and was outspoken against the Nazi regime, and against Hitler and stood up for the Jewish people who were being persecuted, and because of this, he was imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp. He wrote a book during this time, I believe in 1937, famous book, I recommend you read it called The Cost of Discipleship. Anybody read it? Wonderful book that challenges us about the high price and the high toll of discipleship. That sometimes means martyrdom - the death of the person who believes in Christ. And for Dietrich Bonhoffer, that was true. In 1945 he was hanged by the Nazi's as the German regime was crumbling. Very sad story. And a great idea.

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But can I just recommend to you, as well, and I've said this before, there is a huge cost to discipleship, but there is a bigger cost to non-discipleship. There is a bigger cost to non-discipleship. It is more expensive to be a Nazi than it is to be Dietrich Bonhoffer. It is more expensive to take your eye off of the life you're called to live and to do the easy thing today. That is more expensive than doing the hard thing today to attain tomorrow when no one else has. There is a cost of non-discipleship. And it's not just for you. The cost is for everyone else. The cascading negative effects of the Nazi regime cannot be measured. And the cascading positive effects of Dietrich Bonhoffer, even today, cannot be measured. So you see, there's a cost to discipleship, but there's a bigger cost to non-discipleship. There is a cost to the easy way. There is a cost to the idleness and indifference that possesses so many people in our society today. There is a cost to deception. There is a cost to breaking your promises, especially the promises you make to yourself. You promised yourself you'd get up, but you didn't. You promised yourself you'd write your mother, but you didn't. You promised yourself you'd call your kids or parents, but you didn't. You promised yourself you'd start going to church, but you didn't. You promised yourself you'd be reading the Bible more, reading the books, or taking the courses, but you didn't. And every time you make a promise to yourself and you break it, you're teaching yourself that you cannot rely on you. There is a big cost to that. Better to just not make the promise and not do it, than to make the promise and not do it, because you're deceiving yourself. There is a cost to these things, and I tell you this because I love you, because I know that once you could be true to yourself, fulfill the things you say you're going to do to you and to others, and to be committed to becoming all that you can be rather than less than you can be, you will get the greatest gift in life. You will get the greatest gift in life. There is a cost to a lot of these things. I saw a video of a man, young man, very good looking, looked buff to me, a full head of hair, playing video games PlayStation 5, I think, and I think its \$500. Was playing it and his girlfriend, who recorded on her phone, of course, because that's the world we live in. Watched her boyfriend with his headphones on playing Modern Warfare.. I forget what number, three or four or something, and as a joke, a prank, she goes over, turns the thing off. She's trying to get his attention. He goes "No!" He throws his controller down, says "why did you do that?" She says to him "It's all you ever do!" And he says "it's all I have!" You think all you have is a video game? My friend, you're going to lose your girlfriend, and then you're going to find out you had a lot more than a PlayStation 5. So you ask that man, what was the cost of your PlayStation 5? And he says \$500, and what does Pastor Bobby say? No, it cost you your girlfriend, it cost you a promotion, it cost you the relationship with your family, it cost you a lot of really good meals, a lot of lessons you would have learned, a lot of great opportunities and doors open and friends and life and wonderful walks and all the amazing things that are available. Is there anything wrong with PlayStation 5? No, you can play video games. But there comes a point where some of these things, the cost becomes much more than \$500. Woman gets a brand-new iPhone and she's excited about it, but she's on TikTok till one in the morning, or obsessing over some ex's new gal, or wondering.. just constantly watching videos and missing out on life. How much does the phone cost, I ask her. She says it cost me \$1500, and I say no! It cost you a million-dollar opportunity. A million-dollar handshake. A million-dollar business plan. A million-dollar idea. A million friends, a million amazing experiences. That's the cost. That's the cost. The cost is great. The cost is great. You can become all you're born to be if you do what nobody else will do, and they will call you lucky. But it's not the results that are lucky, because the results come from the decisions you made. You know what the luckiest thing is that happened to you is that you heard a message like this. Some of you will hear this message today, and you'll never be the same. This will be the luckiest day of your life because you heard what I'm saying today, and you built your life on it. That yet though there's a cost of discipleship, there's a cost to non-discipleship and it's not worth it. It is better today to do the little things to become who you were called to be. Life doesn't get better when things around you change. Life gets better when what? When you change. There it is. And you can change anytime you want. You can change. You can become all you were born to be. Can I just say for a minute, I think we as Christians deal way too much in the word "should" and "shouldn't." Say I should do this, I should go for a walk. I should read a book. I should go to church. I should pray the prayers. I should visit my neighbor. I should be more kind. I should drive slower. I should take it easy. I should forgive myself. And we look at other people and we say the government shouldn't do this, and my neighbor shouldn't do that. My sister shouldn't do this, and my kids shouldn't do that. And I think there's something about that word "should" and "shouldn't" that gets us in a trap. And I am really struggling to find the Rabbi telling us at any place that we should or shouldn't do anything. Jesus says there's two roads. There's a narrow road and there's a wide road.

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And then He says you really should take the narrow road, and you really shouldn't take the wide road. Is that what He said? Did He say come on, you should. No, He says there's a narrow road that leads to? To life. And there's a wide road that leads to destruction. So He lays before us life and death. Not should and shouldn't. Not should and shouldn't. He lays before us two choices! Real life, real life, and real death. Not should and shouldn't. And that's what this is about: life and death. Triumph and disaster. Prosperity or poverty. Joy or regret. That's what's laid before you, not should or shouldn't. And so today we need – we should. No, right? We choose life. Many of you say, I don't feel alive anymore. Choose life. I just don't feel alive anymore. Choose the hard things that lead to life. It's a narrow road and few will find it, but you can do it. Don't be like everyone else. If you do what everyone else does, you get what everyone else gets. You could do something different. You can follow Christ. You can be the kind of person that's hungry for more in life. You could get hungrier today. Hungry for a better work situation. Hungry for better relationships. Hungry for a better day. Hungry for the morning. Hungry for the sunshine. Hungry for the right kinds of days. Hungry to give all you can in every moment you can in every day you can to be all that you can be. Hungry for more. Hungry for God! Hungry for more of the Lord! The most beautiful, wonderful, all satisfying treasure of life! More of Him. You can choose today to reach out to the Father and He will pick you up. The Lord says you draw near to me, and I'll draw near to you. That's the deal. You draw near to me; I'll draw near to you. Draw near to the Lord, and watch what happens. That brings us to the scripture Hannah read this morning from Deuteronomy. A lot of drama in Numbers and Deuteronomy. Doesn't sound that way. It's a dramatic book. Think about what God has done to the Israelites up to this point. For hundreds of years, they've been in bondage to the Egyptians, and He brings the slaves, not only out of slavery, but brings them out wealthy. We forget about that. Full to the brim with gold and silver and cattle. And think about the miracles He does, not only the 12 plagues and warnings against Pharaoh, but parts the Red Sea and they walk through the muddy sands to the other side to safety, consuming their enemies. And there's a cloud by day and fire by night to keep them warm and to guide them wherever they go. And manna that falls from heaven every day to feed them. How could you have that every single day for a year and not just completely trust God. And yet they don't. And yet we don't. And His amazing miracles, amazing things happening, and finally, we all know that it took 40 years for them to cross, but it really was only supposed to take about a year, and actually the walk is only about two weeks. So they spent one year at Mt. Sinai receiving the law from the Lord, and then just a few more days walking to the borders of the Promised Land. And what do they do? They send down 12 spies and 10 come back and say no way, there's giants in the land. But there are two, Caleb and Joshua who say what are you talking about? These are nothing compared to those Egyptians. Do you see what God can do? Fire by night, cloud by day and all this stuff. Of course we can do it. We serve the Lord. If that's what the Lord wants us to do, let's possess the land. And instead, the people in fear.. see, on the outside they're not slaves anymore. On the outside they're rich. On the outside they have it all given to them. On the outside they get everything they need, but in here and in here, they're still slaves. Still afraid. Literally asking to go back to Egypt and be enslaved. Why? Because it's safe. It's what they're used to. No, no Promised Land for us. And they literally revolt. They try and cause a mutiny against Moses, and finally God just says you don't want the Promised Land, fine, thy will be done. We forget so often that the 40 years in the wilderness is a punishment for a lack of courage. That is the punishment. Here's the punishment – the punishment is to walk safely in a circle the rest of your life. To have all you need. That's the punishment. The punishment is to have no danger, no giants, no challenge, no difficulty, all the food you need, no cold days, no cold nights, no hot days, no hot nights, always 72 degrees, comfortable, walking in circles until you die. That's the punishment. Now if you say that's me, I find myself there, we live under the grace of the cross. At any minute, you can get on your knees and say Lord, forgive me for my lack of courage. Lord, forgive me for being like everybody else. Lord, forgive me for not believing in you. Lord, forgive me for not entering the Promised Land, and He will grab you by the hand and say my daughter, my son, let's go. Today. Let's go right now. Let's go. And if you feel that unction from the Lord, you do it. You do it, and your life will never be the same. The question is not what is the big thing that is before you, the question is what is the big thing that's within you. You can make a decision today to become a bigger kind of person. I'm convinced more than ever that God does not care about big churches; He cares about big Christians. God is not concerned about filling pews; He's concerned about filling human hearts with Holy Spirit power to do all that you can do. One committed disciple of Jesus can do a million times more than a mega church full of empty Christians. Now that's not to say mega churches are empty, they're great.

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Big churches are great. I want a big church; I think it's great. But the important thing is becoming a bigger person, and you can do it. I believe in you. And that brings us to the passage - Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy is after 40 years in the desert, finally the next generation has arrived - the generation of Caleb and Joshua. The generation that says we can do it. The generation that says let's go fight some giants. And Deuteronomy is a set of encouraging speeches and some laws and guidelines for how to live in the Promised Land. Deuteronomy is actually a Greek word that means the second law. It's a second part to God's law and way for His people, and it's this commitment of speeches that Moses gives. And he gives this famous speech to choose life. "Now what I'm commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It's not up in heaven so that you have to ask who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we might obey it. Nor is it beyond the seas so that you have to ask who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it. No, the word is very near to you. It's in your mouth. It's in your heart so that you may obey it." "See, I set before you today life and prosperity. Death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God; to walk in obedience to him. To keep his commands and decrees and laws. Then you will live in increase and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you're entering to possess. This day I call the heavens and the earth as a witness against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life so that you and your posterity may live; that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Choose life. Choose life. Possess the land. Choose life and possess the land. Choose life and possess the land. No more should's and shouldn't's. Stop saying to yourself I should. Start saying to yourself I will. Do not deal in should and shouldn't. Stop saying they should, he should, she should, my boss I should, my employees should, the state of California should, the city of Irvine should. Stop that. Stop saying what everybody else should do, and say what you will do. Things will go up and things will come down. Things will get better and things will get worse, but nothing will change for you until you change, and you can change today. You can become all that you're born to be. Nothing is stopping you except you. We understand this when we look at a family member, for example, that's a drug addict and they're ruining their lives. We don't go to them and say 'you really should stop doing drugs.' We look at them and we say 'if you don't stop doing drugs, you're going to die.' Imagine you have a friend that has a lottery ticket - 30 million dollars, won the lottery, hasn't turned the ticket in. Ticket expires tomorrow. You go to your friend's house to have a Diet Coke or something, and you say 'what's that on your counter?' 'Oh that's my 30 million dollar winning lottery ticket.' What?! 'And you know what's funny, it expires tomorrow.' And you say 'well how long do you have?' And they say.. I don't know the rules, but let's say it's six months, and you go, 'it expires tomorrow?' What do you say, you really should go turn it in. You really ought to. Shame on you. You're a bad person. Is that what you say? No! You say go! Now! Stop! Drop everything, go turn it in now! I'm coming with you! And if they say no, you bind them and put handcuffs on them, you beat them over the head, you drag them in, you put the ticket on the counter. That's what we're dealing with. Prosperity, poverty, life, death, winning, losing. This is what we're talking about. Joy or regret. So I want you to get some things today, all right? I want you to get some things today. Here's a few things I want you to get. Number one - always get knowledge. Get more knowledge. Just never stop getting knowledge. The sermons, the books, the speeches, the classes, the mentors, the friendships. Get knowledge, experience. Get as much as you can. I heard a story in high school about a man from England who was poor and just wanted to come to America, land of opportunity and freedom and all that's available. And so it took him years to save up the money for the cruise ship, the transatlantic cruise ship to sail across the Atlantic to New York to the land of promise. He saved up and he decided I've got enough to the penny to buy the ticket, but I don't have enough to eat and to get food on the boat. It was a two-week trip. I'm just going to get through and fast for two weeks. So he plunks down all the money, gets his ticket, has not a cent to his name, gets on the boat. First day goes by, pretty hungry. Second day goes by, really hungry. Third day goes by, he's very hungry. And every time he goes to the café, the restaurant, he sees all these people eating this delicious food - steak and croissants and drinking coffee, and enjoying and laughing and having a good time, eating all this delicious food, and all he can think is I'm so hungry. Pretty soon he begins sneaking around, pulling food from the trash can, and on the last day, the last day as they're pulling into New York, a deck hand sees him rifling through the trash can for banana peels and bread crumbs, and says to him sir, what are you doing?

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And he says I have to be honest with you, I spent all the money on this ticket, I didn't have enough to pay for food, and so I've just been doing this. And the man says don't you know the food is included. The food is included in the ticket. How many Christians: I just got to get to heaven, I just got to get to heaven. I scrape through life, and I'll get to heaven. My friend, the food is included. There's a lot more available to this whole thing than just going to heaven when you die. You got to get knowledge. It's here in the word! That's why a very wise person, probably one of the wisest people I know said this very insightful thing: "the Bible is a cheat sheet to the good life." Her name is Hannah Schuller. The Bible.. what a great quote. The Bible is a cheat sheet to the good life. Let's look at it that way. So I want you to get knowledge. I want you to get knowledge to the degree that it's weird. Get knowledge so much that people are just like what is her deal? What is his deal? So get knowledge. And then number two – get serious. Get serious about life and death. Get serious about poverty and prosperity. Get serious about health and sickness. Get serious about joy and regret. Get serious. You say it's impossible, and it's probably not, it's probably just hard. But that's what makes it special and that's what makes it rare. Some of the best opportunities in the world today are hard. So get knowledge, get serious. Or another way of saying that is get strong. Just get strong enough for the thing that's before you. And last, get going. Things are never going to be perfect for you to get going in your dream, to get going in your faith, to get going in your relationships, to get going in your marriage, to get going with your kids. Things are never going to be perfect. And in fact if they are perfect, when things get down, you're not going to be ready for the winter. If somebody said to me, when's the best time to start a ministry, or a business, or something, the winter or the summer, proverbially? Always the winter. You know why? When the summer comes, things blow up! But if you start in the summer, when winter comes, things collapse. Far better to start in the winter and become a winter person that thrives in the summer, than to be a summer person that shrivels in the winter. Can I get an amen? This is the truth. Get going. Start going. My friend, I lay before you a choice – life and death, prosperity or poverty, health or sickness, joy or regret. Choose life today. You can have the life you want when you become who God's called you to be here. It happens here before it happens out there. Father, we thank you and we love you, and we're grateful for your word, and we're grateful that you have given us all that you have, and we promise today to ourselves and to others to become a new creation. We love you and we thank you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

### BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.