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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 welcome, church family. It feels great to be with you. A reminder that greater faith comes from just a greater hearing of God's words to you in the Bible, and then acting on them, and that's where all the fun is. You are so loved.

BS: We're so glad you're here. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you for your Holy Spirit, and we pray in Jesus' name that you would help us to be full of your power, your life and your goodness. We pray, God, that you'd give us the kind of thoughts that lead to a thriving and full life. Father, we ask that your name would be lifted up today, and thank you for all done for us. Its 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 – Matthew 9,18-26 – Hannah Schuller

So in preparation for the message, Matthew 9:18. While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region. Amen.

INTERVIEW – Chrysandra Brunson (CB) and Bobby Schuller (BS)

Chrysandra Brunson is the founder of "The Calling," a non-profit organization which helps people discover their God-given gifts and calling, while equipping them to use their talents to help and empower others in the world. "The Calling" connects them with others to be able to live out their calling.

BS: Chrysandra, hi!

CB: Hi! It's so great to be here.

BS: What a joy it is to have you, thank you.

CB: Yes.

BS: And you're friends with Lindsay, who just sang.

CB: Yes!

BS: Did a great job; was great to hear from her. So I love your ministry. Tell us a little bit about yourself and kind of your faith journey.

CB: Well it's such an honor to be here. I'm from Denver Colorado, so I am a Colorado girl at heart and are still there. When I was 18-years-old, God planted this dream in my heart to be able to see that so many of His children are afraid to go after the things that we're each called to, and to tell them not to be afraid, which is now known as The Calling and have been doing that ever since.

BS: Yes, it's The Calling. It's a great ministry. Why do you think people are afraid to pursue that calling, or what do you think keeps people from really going for that dream that they have in their heart?

CB: I think that there is a veil of fear that gets in the way of us stepping out in faith and pursuing it, and when we realize that God has a dream from His heart inputted inside of our heart, it allows us to be able to know that He believes in us, and that we can walk by faith to see it come to be.

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BS: You seem like a big dreamer, but a lot of your dreams were sort of formed at the Crystal Cathedral, isn't that true?

CB: Yes! Yes, actually Bobby, through your grandpa and you carrying on the torch, in 2006 I was entering in my senior year of high school, and we would take our annual trips here to Southern California; Colorado, we love California, and we would come down for vacation.

We came down to the campus, and we're walking around Crystal Cathedral, but it was closed. We came towards the evening time. Well when we were looking through one of the doors, there was a big glass door, there was a little baby duckling and the mama and the other babies were trying to get the duckling out. And so we had to find a security guard. Low and behold, the security guard was so gracious, unleashed the duckling back to its mama, but allowed us to have this campus tour, and to be able to see your grandpa's quotes and the impact that Crystal Cathedral and this church community has had.

One of those was "what would you do if you knew you could not fail." That forever imprinted on my heart from that day forth, and it is now the heartbeat of The Calling that has now touched millions of lives.

BS: I love that question, I love the quote. I think it's changed a lot of people's lives, and I love that it started for you at the Cathedral, in many ways. That building, by the way, I remember back in the day; you said you went at night..

CB: Yes.

BS: ..night is one of the best times to go. I used to crawl up.. there was this ladder up the side of the wall.. I'm not allowed to do it, but I did it anyway, because I knew I'd get away with it. So I went up this thing. It went all the way to the top, there was this thing, and I used to lay up there and listen to Tom, our old organist play Bach at like midnight. He didn't know I was there; he would have screamed at me if he knew.

CB: It sounds like something I would want to do, too.

BS: Yes! But what a great question: what would you do if you knew you couldn't fail.

CB: Yes.

BS: And how has that question sort of helped you in teaching people define their calling?

CB: I think that God has anointed that question to go straight to the heart. The Bible says "delight in the Lord and he'll give you the desires of your heart." And those are our dreams that He has entrusted us with, and that quote allows us to penetrate it and to ask ourselves what would I do if I knew I couldn't fail. To be able to see that dream lived out that very day and then every day forth.

BS: Yes.

CB: It changes over time.

BS: It's that fear of failure that keeps us from positive thinking.

CB: Yes.

BS: That goes from possibility thinking.

CB: Right.

BS: Keeps us from believing in miracles.

CB: Right.

BS: Okay, so you've got a number of projects you're doing with The Calling. What is it when you meet somebody that really it says, Chrysandra, I want to find my calling. What do I do? Like what do you do to help them?

CB: Yes! Well I love that and that's the whole heartbeat of The Calling and the way that God had enstowed it in my heart to say Chrysandra, so many of my children are afraid to go after the things I'm calling them to. Tell them not to be afraid.

And the first part of that, Bobby, as you know and you teach all the time and you live out in all the details, it's taking that first step; that first step of faith. And a lot of times we want to know the whole story, the whole journey, the whole adventure and the mountaintops, the valleys, but we're just supposed to take that next step.

BS: That's right. That's great. And so that's your encouragement to people, is right? Like the first thing..

CB: Yes.

BS: ..is to like actually take action.

CB: Right.

BS: Like get out of the boat.

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CB: Be obedient, take that step out onto the water. It's not supposed to be typical, so if you're hearing something that seems outside the box, it's usually Holy Spirit talking to us to be obedient.

BS: We all have multiple callings, and the big, big one that a lot of us are looking for isn't often the first one. Like I think about my grandpa when he came out in 1955 or whatever it is, he didn't have a Crystal Cathedral dream. He had a preach on top of a snack bar at a drive-in movie theater dream.

CB: Right.

BS: He had a move to sunnier weather than Iowa dream.

CB: Yes.

BS: And he pursued those dreams, and when he succeeded in those, they opened the door for him to do so many of the things he did. And many of us have stories like that.

CB: Right. I think that God wants us to be able to get to know Him in the process of our dream, and there's always a testing period – are we going to put Him first or our dream first. And as long as we keep Him first, He allows the dream to be able to thrive and prosper and bear the most incredible fruit, like the tree of life.

BS: Amen. Chrysandra Brunson, thank you so much. If you're curious about knowing more about how to find your dream, how to discover your calling, how to like develop that, I want you to check out thecallingnonprofit.org. Chrysandra, thank you so much.

CB: Thank you.

BS: We appreciate you.

CB: Thank you so much, Bobby.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

No matter who you are, we're so glad you're here. Would you stand with us? 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. 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 my neighbor. Thanks, you can be seated.

MESSAGE / PRAYER – Bobby Schuller – “Born for a Miraculous Life”

Today I want to begin, as I do every week, and that is to say the most important thing I can say, which is that Jesus Christ laid His life down for you that you could live at peace with God and be full of the Holy Spirit. In life, so many of us have a positive view of maybe religion or God or Jesus or Christianity or some other faith or whatever, we never make a decision. You never say this is for me. I want to invite you into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I want you to know Him. I want you to wake up to Him and go to sleep to Him and the way to do that is to trust your life to Jesus Christ. A lot of people say I don't know if I believe all that. Here's something you can do is one percent of you believe, maybe 99% says I don't know if there's a God, I don't know if I believe all that rubbish. That seems all fake. It's fairy tales. But one percent of you says well there was that one time when, or I remember when, or I've got this feeling that. If you take that, that one percent and you give it to the Lord, I promise your life will never be the same. Jesus says if you have the faith of a mustard seed you can move mountains. Anything's possible for you when you go from living in the flesh to living in the spirit. When your whole life is transformed. Do you have a mustard seed? Maybe the other people have silos full of grain, tons and tons of faith. You remember your grandma or some person you knew. For you, it's just a mustard seed. You have a mustard seed? Give it to the Lord. Give it to the Lord and watch what He'll do with that. Don't let it die. Plant that seed. Tend to it and God will turn your life around. I want you to make a decision today to trust your life to Jesus Christ, you'll never be the same. If you do that, will you text me the word HOPE to the number on the screen so we can pray for you. The first thing we need to believe, whether we're Christian or not, to become full of power, full of life, to do all that we've been called to do is this. The first thing we need to believe is that we are made in the image of God. We are made in the image of God. We are His children. And that image is not just our physical body, it's what's happening on the inside. We were, as we could say, born for greatness. I think every human being at one point in their life believes that their life was meant to be great, meant to be meaningful, to make a difference, to leave the world better than when we came in. That comes from the Lord. That's a good thing. That's something that should be nurtured in a church and in a community. It's something I want you to grab hold of; a great life. We're told that those who have gone before us who were baptized in Christ, who knew the Lord, they are a part of this thing called a great cloud of witnesses. Notice the word “great.”

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They're great people. These are family members, friends and ancestors even that you may not know but they know you. Can you believe that even now they're watching you. You say I'm an old man – they're older. They're like 300 years old. Five hundred years old. They're watching you now and they're saying go, go, go. They're cheering you on. Maybe you lost somebody you love. I want you to know they're cheering you on. You have a responsibility to be all that you can be. I say this often, but you have two choices – to be less than you can be, or to be all that you can be. Become all that you were called to be. Here's how you get a great life. Greatness happens when you get something greater in you. When you get something greater in you. The world likes to point to the things on the outside, but God sees the stuff on the inside first. The world likes to point to the crops, but the Lord likes to point to the seed. What is in the ground. What is being tended to. What's inside of you, and this is what makes the difference – it's the thoughts that make a difference in your life. It's the ideas. It's the spiritual power. The way your thinking goes is the way your life will go. The more you think about something, the more your life will be become like that thing. It is the philosophy that makes the difference. Not your age, not your health, not your financial situation and not even your education, it's your philosophy. What do you really believe about the world? Where do you think we are? That's an important question. Some people think we're just a 3-D world. Some people think we're more. Now I found this great video by an Australian physicist named Toby Henry. It's not meant for religious purposes, it's just a scientific explanation, but I went that explains to me a lot of what's going on. Check this out:

{VIDEO: This two-dimensional creature has locked some precious gems away in a safe. She's checked the safe from every angle, and is sure that no one will be able to break in without a key, but she hasn't taken into account the idea that a three-dimensional creature such as myself might be peering in from above. She doesn't even know the concept of above. I could steal these gems without a key and without damaging the safe and she would have no idea how they were taken. We should keep an eye out for ourselves. A four-dimensional creature could steal from our safes without a key, could take the yoke from an egg without breaking the shell, appear in a closed room, or see inside of our brains. The fourth dimension is perpendicular to all of our normal 3-D space directions, and we have no walls up against that direction.}

Interesting isn't it? The idea that there are things that we can't see, scientifically, we can know that there are things we can't see that affect our seeing world. And that brings us to Jesus Christ, for me. I think that this is a story we're about to see, a miraculous story, a miraculous story about a miraculous man who invites us into a miraculous life that is always made available to us, despite how we feel; despite what's going on to us. There is this whole other world behind the veil that's made available to us. Now Hannah read Matthew chapter 9 and did a great job, but I'm going to re-tell the story because it takes up the whole chapter. I'm going to bounce back and forth between the three accounts we see in Matthew, Mark and Luke. It begins like this. Jesus has just cast a bunch of demons into swine and launched them into the sea, and then after this act, He jumps into a boat, crosses the sea of Galilee and the Bible says goes back to His hometown. Now His hometown is actually not Nazareth, even though He was kind of raised there. His hometown is Capernaum. So He goes back to Capernaum. We're actually going to Israel in February, if you want to go with us. I will hold your hand and we will walk through Capernaum together. I'll point everything out to you. It's going to be great. But He's in Capernaum and what you'll see is, if you go there, there's a small fishing village with lots of houses and some buildings. And Jesus is sitting there that night, and He's eating dinner with the disciples and some other folks, and the hazzan. Now we're going to learn some Hebrew today. Everybody say.. you got to use your throat – Hazzan. Everybody say: hazzan. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS – hazzan) See? You get to clear your throat. Everybody that had that frog in your throat, you get to do without anybody turning around and looking at you now. Congratulations. Hazzan is the keeper of the synagogue. He's kind of like a janitor, but he also does.. he cleans the place, takes care of it, but also posts the lectionary. He posts who's going to do the reading, he posts who's going to speak and all these types of things, and sort of organizes a lot of the worship. And so this is somebody in the city, in the town, that everybody knows very well. The hazzan comes to the rabbi, the rabbi, the teacher, and he says to him, 'my daughter, my 12-year-old daughter is dying. Please come pray for her. Come heal her.' Keep in mind, 12-years-old, that's just a year younger than Haven. There's just a cute, sweet, young little girl, she's dying. His heart is breaking. Immediately Jesus gets up from the table, and here's what I want you to picture. The walk from where He's eating is probably something like five hundred feet. Not very far. He's literally walking across, just probably a courtyard and a few alleys; He's going to be right there.

As He gets up to walk and He steps out of the house, He gets swarmed with people. Right? Because He's this super famous guy. He's walking and He's being pressed on every side. And as He's on His way to go to Jairus' house to see his daughter, the hazzan, a woman nearby sees an opportunity. She's been in bondage for 12 years, a bleeding disorder. She's seen every doctor, she's tried everything, but something tells her this is her opportunity. And she says to herself, if I can just touch the hem of His cloak, I know I'll be healed. Now that hem is probably these tassels that orthodox Jews even wear today. You might see them if you go to Israel. They kind of like hang down by the knees. And there are ten of them. This is symbol of the Ten Commandments. I like to think that that's what she's reaching for. It's actually a symbol of God's word, of God's command, God's faithfulness. She says if I can touch that, I know I'll be healed. So here's Jesus being pressed on every side. I like to think she's crawling, maybe she's on her hands and knees, she has no dignity, she does not care at all. She's going to touch this guy and she's going to get healed. And she touches Him and boom she's healed instantly. And then Jesus says the funniest thing. Do we have any scholars in the house? Do you remember what He says? "Who touched me?" Hilarious. Right? He's literally like (WOAH) Who touched me? Right? This kind of thing? And Peter says the obvious – ah rabbi, everybody's touching you. He says no, no, I felt power go out of my body. Isn't that interesting? I felt something go from my body into someone else. She's terrified now, and she repents Lord, it was me. And what does He say? Your faith, your faith, your faith, "your faith has made you well." Faith is a powerful thing. Your faith has made you well. Well unfortunately this is taking a long time. All these people and all this whole uproar, so much time that by the time He gets to Jairus' house, that poor 12-year-old girl is already dead, and she must have been dead for a while because by now people have gathered, they're weeping, they're wailing, they're already beginning to sing what's called a dirge, which is a song of mourning for the dead. They're playing pipes. All these people are gathered in the house weeping and mourning. Jesus comes in and He says everybody, relax. Don't weep. She's not dead, she's just asleep. And they go immediately from mourning to cracking up and laughing at Him. Now here's something to think about human nature, right? We've always been the same. We've not changed from then till now. If a group of people goes from mourning to laughing, do you think they were really mourning? They go from mourning to mocking, what were they really there for? Just between you and me, it was all a show. They were there for, I don't know, attention. They were there for, I don't know, the pancakes? I don't know what it was. They were there. And Jesus rebukes them when they start laughing at Him. He moves them out of this room – get out of this room – and He invites into the room, so He removes the mockers, is what we can call them, right? They're mocking Him. They're laughing in a condescending way. Removes them, and invites into the room the 12 disciples, the two parents, and then He just picks the girl up by the hand and she's raised from the dead. Let's walk through the story together. This is a miraculous story, and this is the miraculous world that Jesus lives in every day. And this miraculous world, He is inviting you into right now. Do you remember what He says the kingdom of God is? It is at hand. You know what else He says in Luke the kingdom of God is? Where is it? People will say it's over there. It's over there. But the kingdom of God is within you. That whole miraculous world, that whole whatever it is that moves and shakes everything, that makes no sense, that breaks the laws of physics, that is everything it's supposed to do, that's inside of you, and part of living in power is believing that and getting ahold of that world. Do you want to get ahold of that world? Do you want to get this life inside of you? Do you want to become the greater kind of person that comes from greatness on the inside to the out, not the other way around? Here's what you do: the first thing you do is get ready. Get ready. Can we just say that the woman who had the bleeding disease was ready. After 12 years of disappointments, of 12 years of looking for a miracle, she knew it. She had something. Here's what we learn when He says "who touched me." There's two ways to touch the Lord. The first way is powerless, and is superficial, materialistic, is going through the motions. Here's the second way to touch the Lord – you touch Him with faith. You reach out with some deeper knowledge that something has gotten inside of you. You don't say I think when I touch Him I'll be healed, you say I know when I touch Him I'll be healed. Here's what else she doesn't do – she doesn't hem and haw. She doesn't go well, I want to be polite, I don't know, He's got a lot of people around Him, looks like a lot of people want to talk to Him. She doesn't say or think any of that. She just says if I can get there, I will, will, will, will be healed. Let's just all agree today that she was ready for a healing. She was full of faith. She was overflowing with faith. Jesus tells us a parable. He says that the kingdom of God is like this. There's these ten young women. And they're invited to a wedding.

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Now in those days, if you are a family or a friend of a wedding party, you would be told when the groom was coming, when the party was, it was kind of like a surprise, you're supposed to go out and wait for him, and having a lit lamp late at night was a sign that you were on the in, that you had the invite. Now something about Jesus' day that we forget today, we lost this thing years ago called boredom. I know you think you're bored sometimes, but a pre-television, pre-electricity. My grandma Schuller used to tell me all the time: people talk about living on the farm like it's this glorious, romantic thing. She goes but let me tell you, farms are (AUDIENCE – boring) boring. Boring. It's a lot of work, and not a lot of fun. Not a lot of electricity or air conditioning or those other things that we enjoy, as well. Well Jesus' day was similar. And can we tell you, in a world that's boring, a wedding, a Jewish wedding that goes on several days with all sorts of food and wine and dancing and song, is not boring. Every young woman wants to go to this thing. They're desperate. They can't wait to go to the wedding. These ten young women have their lamps, five of them brought spare oil and the other five didn't. But they still had a lamp, they just didn't have the spare oil. And so somebody says, the grooms going to be here pretty soon, sometime tonight, get out there and get ready for him and then we'll go into the party. Five run out of oil, their lamps go out, they have to go to town to get more oil, and right when they're gone, the party starts and they get locked out. Here's what we can say about them. They're not bad. They're not bad girls. They didn't do anything wrong. They're just not (AUDIENCE – ready) ready. They're not prepared. Get more oil. Get more oil. You don't have a crystal ball? Can't see the future? I don't have one either. But, I have something on the inside that I'm ready for the seasons. They always come – winter, spring, summer and fall. Dark and light. Hot and cold. If you don't have a crystal ball, here's something you can do. You can get ready by preparing yourself. Yourself. You have a dream in your heart, get ready for the dream. If you can't pursue or take action on a dream, get ready for the dream. You want to run a marathon? You have to get ready. You have to diet, you have to run, you have to prepare, you can't just go out there and run it. You want to build the world's greatest ice cream stand? Get ready. You got to know a lot about ice cream. You got to know how you're going to beat Ben and Jerry's, and Salt and Straw, and McConnells – M double C O double N E double L – McConnells. How are you going to do that? That's the best one? You got to know everything there is to know about ice cream. You got to get ready. Doctors are ready. Pastors are ready, at least today I'm ready. Architects are ready. Writers are ready. You want to write, you want to do art, but you're not going to do it right now, get ready. When everybody else is watching TV and on Instagram, you fill that tank with oil. Here's a way you can reach someone for the gospel. You can have a lot of stories and testimonies. Here's a skill you can develop in no matter what field you are. You can pitch an idea. We call that selling. It's hard to do. You say I'm an artist, I don't need to sell. Any professional artists in here? We all know you got to sell your painting, your song. Learn to lead. Learn to communicate and read the Bible every day. Fill your tank with oil. I remember when I was a kid; now one of the first things people say who watch on television when they meet me in person is, they go wow! You're big! A lot of people don't know, on television that I'm tall in real life. You know what it is? I'm proportional. I have wide shoulders so I don't look.. I'm six foot three, two hundred and five pounds, for those of you who are at home, but here's something that's interesting. In the Schuller family, I have 18 cousins, I am the runt of my family. I'm the smallest man in our family, which is, I know, hard to believe. I actually have a number of cousins, three of which I'll mention today. Scott, who's a police officer, was a police officer in Garden Grove P.D., six foot nine, I believe. Three hundred pounds; a massive man. Chris, I think, is about six-six, and Jason is six five, but an athlete. And so we're sitting around on Christmas day at my grandpa Schuller's house. My grandpa Schuller was an eccentric guy, loved building things. He bought a small house, but made it big over time. He would always add these little rooms, and so when you went to his house, there was like little upstairs and downstairs. It was kind of wonky and weird. He made it perfect. But he built this one room, a library that was huge, had a ladder, it was gorgeous room. And it was near that library, actually in the kitchen on the other side of the house, my dad was telling all these stories about when he used to wrestle. And they're true. When he was in college, he almost went to the Olympics for wrestling. He was a very good wrestler. And he went to the final round, was winning in points (he always tells this story), but was pinned and just missed the Olympic qualifications in that one round. So he was very, very good at wrestling. And oh, that's interesting, my cousins, Uncle Bob, that's interesting. And he says I think you guys don't understand – size almost doesn't matter. If you know how to wrestle, and we're like okay, okay. And then he finally just says - and I could take all four of you. And we just howled in laughter.

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These four men towering over my dad. Or I should say three men. Well he's a big guy, too, but all of us in college, this middle-aged, washed-up wrestler, we're thinking. And he goes that's it! That's it! We're going to do this right now. We go into the library, clear out all the furniture. This is like testosterone central. We're all like, great. My dad stands in the middle, and we're all corner him, the four of us, we surround him like this, and he goes okay, we're going to count down from three, and I'm going to pin all four of you before anybody pins me. And we're like oh ho, ho. And we're ready? Three, two, one, and we lunge forward and right when I lunge forward, I was like oh no, he was coming right at me, so boom! Speared me, I lasted literally a second, turns like lightning, jumps to Scott, pins him right away, and now there's two of us left. Chris and Jason fighting him like this, pins Chris, turns around, WHAM, gets Jason and kind of dusts his hands off like this. His feet were bleeding, he'd like pressed on his, like the corner.. did not care, right, because there was rug burn. What does this have to do with anything? There was about a thousand pounds of Schuller might against my dad in that library, but it didn't matter. You know why? Because my dad was ready. We call that training. We call that leverage. Right? It's not here, it's here. It's here. Those are the things that matter. Life is a fight. Life is a fight. Are you ready? Are you ready for the fight? They'll come at you. If it's not a fight right now, but you have a dream, it will come at you. That's a promise. So number one, get ready. Number two, get in. Get in. Get in the kind of place, the kind of space, get around the kind of people that really want you to become all that you were born to be. Get around the kind of people that are just like how you want to be. Notice when Jesus goes into the room of Jairus' daughter, the first thing He does before He heals the girl is He kicks out the mockers. They're out. He doesn't do it in a mean way, just you're out. And who does He bring in? The 12 disciples and the parents, people of faith. And then He raises the girl from the dead. Notice that whenever Jesus sends people out, He always sends them out two by two, or in a group. But never alone. Two by two. Two by two. Jesus will send His disciples out without food, without money, without weapons, without jackets, without shoes, but He never sends them alone. He knows this is how we're built. This is how we're made. You cannot help but become like the people you spend most of your time with. In the book of Genesis, it says that God's creating different things, and it keeps saying it is good, right? He creates light and dark, it is good. He creates earth, its good. He creates plants, its good. He creates animals, its good. He creates mankind, He says it's very good. And then after He looks for a while, He says oh, it is not good that man should be alone. Its good, its good, its good, it's very good, oh, it's not good. Not good to be alone. Not good because in other people that are great people, binding your heart to them, yoking yourself to them, this is why church is so important. This is why small groups, a Rooted group! Get in a Rooted group. This is why these types of communities are so helpful, and why bad groups are so harmful. Here's one way to think about it. Don't hang around people you'd feel embarrassed to tell your prayer, your dream, or your testimony to. It's that simple. If you'd be embarrassed about it. You want a bigger prayer life? You want a bigger dream? You want to accomplish more with your life? You'd be embarrassed to tell people about the dreams you have? Those people are not going to help you achieve those dreams. Love them, care for them, but get some powerful people around you. Good people. They want to be around you, trust me. All right, number one, get ready. Number two, get in. And finally, get going. Get going. Bleeding woman, she didn't just think if I touch Jesus I'll be healed, she did it. There was a man who couldn't walk, He knew Jesus was in the house, he wanted to get to Him, he had his friends remove the roof and lower him because he knew if he could just get to Jesus, he'd get healed. With your dream, with your prayer, with your life, with all that God's called you to do, strike and strike with everything, and strike as long as it takes to get it. Strike! Strike while the iron's hot. Cortez, when he landed on the shore famously had six hundred men, was outnumbered, and decided to burn the ships. He said if I burn these ships and these men know they have nowhere to go, and they have to fight for their life, we will win. They burned the ships. Now that's not always wise. But to have in your mind an idea of a I'm going to win, burn the ships kind of attitude to whatever your dream is, I promise you it will help you. It'll help you. Strike with all that you've got. Remember, when God created the garden, He didn't say I will tend to this garden myself. No, He created Adam and Eve with the purpose of tending to the garden. We have all been created to do something great with the Lord. Its inside of us. There will be work in heaven. Heaven will not be breathing under water and going to parties all the time. There is going to be work to do in heaven, good work that you enjoy doing. There's going to be buildings, there's going to be art in heaven. That's because this is how God has made us. At the gate called beautiful, there was a man who was sitting there for his whole life, almost, begging for people to give him money.

Born for a Miraculous Life

Every time Jesus went into the temple, and He went in lots of times, He walked by that man and didn't heal him. Now we don't know if the man asked or not, but He just always walked by. Why? Because what we read in the book of Acts is that was Peter's job. Peter's walking up and the man says to him do you have any gold, do you have any silver, and Peter famously says silver and gold have I not, but this I have. Rise up and walk. And he reaches up and the man is healed. A thousand years later or more, Thomas Aquinas is walking with the Pope and the Pope shows him this room. He says look Pope, look at all this gold and all this silver and treasure. We would say billions of dollars piled up, a dragon's hoard, and he says look Thomas Aquinas, no longer can the church say silver and gold have I not. Thomas Aquinas famously grabs him by the arm and he says neither can we say rise up and walk. It's important that we learn that this is the treasure, the real treasure. Rise up and walk. Rise up and walk. To strike at life with all you have as long as you can with everything you can do. Get ready, get in and get going and you'll be very glad you did. Lord Jesus, we ask in your name that you'd give us a fresh vision for our lives. We rebuke the fog that would draw us into other things that would draw us away from your calling and your dream for our lives. Lord we love you so much, we're so thankful that your presence is here, and it is in the strong name of Jesus we pray, all God's people said, amen.

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