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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: Welcome friends, we are so, so happy that you're here. Just as confessing wrong-doing's is powerful, so is confessing the promises of God over your life powerful. God loves you and so do we.

BS: Amen. We're so glad you're here. Let's begin with some prayer. Jesus, we ask you to stand with us this morning as we gather in your house with your people, with your Spirit. And Father, we're coming here because we believe in you, and we believe in your ability to do something in our lives. We believe that you're at work today. And Father, we come here, most of all, to worship you. This is for an audience of one. It's for you, Father. And so we pray your name would be lifted up, and that we could become more like your Son Jesus, and it's in His name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

HS: Amen.

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

### INTERVIEW – David Docusen (DD) and Bobby Schuller (BS)

David Docusen is a pastor, professor, and author who helps get churches established and loves to pour into communities and see them thrive. He also started The Neighborliness Center, which strives to help churches, organizations, and businesses make impacts in their communities to further the Kingdom of God. His new book, *Tomorrow & the Days to Come*, give a practical look at how to follow Jesus as a new believer.

BS: David, hi! Welcome!

DD: Good to see you.

BS: So good to see you.

DD: Thanks for having me today.

BS: Hey, I'm excited about your book, and I love your passion for the lost. It's something we care a lot about. I mean the fact that you wrote a book for new believers just says that you have a lot of new believers coming your way, which is terrific. I want to talk to you about that.

But first, tell me a little bit about like your faith journey. How did you come to faith? How did you become a pastor and a professor?

DD: Well, thank God for a praying mama. I grew up in a Christian home, and really chose Jesus as a teenager, and just really felt that freedom that comes with faith in Christ. And so I've been pretty passionate about the Lord for quite a while now.

BS: It's interesting to hear you say that, because I grew up in a Christian home, too, and I know there's a lot of people who want to have that testimony of like I was on drugs and I was in jail and I was killing people. And this light from the sky came. But it's testimony, too, to be like, you know what, I grew up in a great family that taught me the things of God, and I'm grateful that I didn't go down that path. Not in a prideful way, but that sounds like your story and that's a great testimony, too.

DD: Yes, and also for me, it was what is our faith mean, not just for us personally, but I was also taught about what does it mean in our community. And so that's been a big deal for me is to kind of make those connections between what does our personal faith mean for everybody around us.

BS: You have a ministry, you have a church, you're a professor, but you also have a ministry; is it called neighborliness?

DD: Yes, Neighborliness, yes.

BS: And I was wondering is that a real word, neighborliness?

DD: Right? I have accosted that word. It is actually a word, but my doctoral work studied how do we connect in communities, and this word kept on coming up – neighborliness – in my readings, but I had never heard it before.

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So I just decided to take it. We have made it our own, our ministry is at [neighborliness.com](http://neighborliness.com). You can check that out. But we've had the privilege of planting three churches now and starting three separate non-profit organizations working with churches to create community engagement strategies all over the world.

BS: So tell me how are so many people coming to faith then. So many that you need to write this book. How is that happening for you? What are you doing that people are coming in.

DD: Well I mean a lot of it is, I refer to it as the physical gospel that when I was hungry you fed me, when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink. That our faith, the passion that we have for Jesus, it drives us to meet physical needs in our community, but not just meet the needs of people in communities, but also to build relationships with people in communities. And so we've seen that as we work with folks, and we've got a really vibrant, beautiful international community within our church family, and so we're able to see different people from different backgrounds, and have welcomed them in, and a lot of times through friendship and through the physical needs that are being met in our communities, we're seeing people come to know Jesus as their Savior, and that's what really led to this devotional which just helps people learn how to pray and how to read the Bible, just really simple things like that.

BS: So I'm excited about this because I know there's a lot of people who are watching that have recently come to faith through the TV program. This would be a great book for you, if you're like what do I do now? And also, even if like maybe you have somebody you know that's new to the faith, or you want to know how to talk to somebody that's new to the faith, it's also a great book to read because it'll kind of show you. It's a devotional, effectively, but it will show you how to do that.

DD: Absolutely. And what I would say is that it's created for new believers, it's created for people that are taking those first steps of faith, but also for people that maybe have never developed how to read the Bible, how to pray. It's also good just kind of for anybody to learn those disciplines and exercise those faith muscles.

BS: What would you say to someone who's watching or is here in the church, and they did just come to faith, and they're not really sure like what to do next, other than like wait around for the rapture or something.

DD: Absolutely. Well we have a lot of resources at [newbelieverbook.com](http://newbelieverbook.com) for new believers. We've got small group resources, and different things like that. But what I would say is find a good church family. I mean I believe that there's no such thing as a perfect church family, but I do believe that the power of being in community, being known by others, and knowing others helps to shape our faith. But then just learning the joy of knowing the Bible, knowing the joy of learning how to talk to God with ease, and so to me, that's the motivation of this book and that's my passion is to help people see the beauty of God, both for us and for our neighbors.

BS: That's great. It's a great book. I want to encourage you to get it. It's called *Tomorrow & the Days to Come* by David Docusen. Great book. David, thank you so much. I'm really grateful you're encouraging us to do this. And it's exactly right, like the community that you're in, and the people you surround you with, like if you have five smoking friends, you're going to be the sixth. If you have five friends that work out, you're going to be the sixth.

DD: Yes, well let's be the people that have the friendship that leads people to Jesus.

BS: Amen. Thank you, my friend. Appreciate you. God bless you.

DD: All right, thank you.

### SCRIPTURE – Acts 19,1-7 – Hannah Schuller

I want to continue to invite you to bring your Bibles to church. There really is something about following along and reading these words in your own Bible. It really will grow your faith. So if you have your Bible today, if you would open to Acts 19:1. While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. The word of the Lord.

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No matter who you are, would you stand with us? Hold your hands like this as a way of receiving from the Holy Spirit. 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 – Bobby Schuller – Unlocking Passion and Zeal

I heard an expression years ago, I can't seem to find it, but it's one that makes a lot of sense to me. I heard it in Israel, and it's apparently something that rabbis would use, and still use, to teach. It goes something like this: "if as a teacher you speak to the head, the heart will put up walls. But if you speak to the heart, the head will follow." Anybody resonate with this saying?

Maybe you've been in school and you had a teacher that maybe everything they said was right, but you just didn't like them. You're like.. right? Maybe you've taught kids, taught young people, especially, and you've seen that nobody.. what is the old expression – nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care. Right? We know that old one. There's something about speaking to the heart that makes a difference, not just in teaching people, but in leading, in convincing. Even yourself, and I'm going to make that claim today.

Here's how you accomplish this – whatever you do in life, and this is where I want to get each of all of us here today – here's what you do in life: whatever you do, do it with passion. Do it with love, do it with enthusiasm.

In the west, we have this kind of weird thing, this sort of skeptic feeling towards people that are too enthusiastic or too passionate. I don't know totally where this comes from but I know, for example, when Socrates was on trial in Athens, I think it was, and he made his defense for his position, one of the main reasons he lost was because he had no passion in his delivery. And so he was executed, essentially, by suicide. He drank the hemlock and died, and this has been held up in academia as a heroic thing because he argued on logic rather than passion. And perhaps it is a heroic thing. I've always thought so. I think it's great that he made a logical argument.

And so these become some of the stories that lift us up. And of course in our western philosophies, we have the very valuable contribution of stoicism, which I do think is a good philosophy that comes from people like Marcus Aurelius and Epictetus and others, that creates a sort of Spartan manliness in many of the western cultures that some of us come from that have, I think, been very good for the fields of things like science and industry and business. And so we tend to think of that as being manly, or as being soldierly, that is, having little or no emotion; sort of having big chested-ness and sort of facing life with strength. And no doubt there is a strength in that.

And I even think, and I'm not a historian, but I sort of think that when Christianity came to the mouth frothing Viking types of northern Europe who were berserkers and raiders and just lived in constant chaos, the idea of some of the stoicism, I think, matched really well with these passionate Keltic and Viking types in the north. And I think sometimes that goes a little too far where we become too.. what's the word, I don't know, strict, too proper. And I think this can lead to a sterile and flavorless existence that those in the east, particularly the Middle East, find repulsive.

And the reason why it's important that we understand that very often our type of Christianity in the west is repulsive to an eastern Christianity or Judaism is because, well, my friend, that's precisely where our holy book came from; that's where our Lord came from. From a place full of passion.

Israel and the Levant and different places like North Africa and the Ionian Peninsula, which is today Modern Turkey, these were passionate people and you will see.. a tradition, for example, if you go to an Orthodox synagogue yesterday, or if you've seen it on television, or maybe even in the past in Jesus' day, when a Torah is brought out from the Torah closet, it is so revered and admired. It is bounced up and down and people kiss it and raise their hands and there's a Hallel that's sang, and everybody says 'the word of God! The Torah! The Torah!' And there's dancing and celebration. Why? Because God has given them His word, His way, His law. And so what happens in our churches when we open our Bible, we say 'open (YAWNS) your Bible,' right? There's something wrong there. In Orthodox synagogue or the synagogues Jesus would have gone to, when they say the Shema, right. Shema Yisrael, when they say that, they go 'hear, oh Israel!' The whole congregation booming sound. 'Hear, oh Israel, the Lord is our God! The Lord alone. You shall love the Lord with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength. BOOM! Amen!' Right? When we say it, we say, 'hear, oh Israel. The Lord is our God.'

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And so what does a Jew say when they visit a congregation like that – ‘they don’t believe. They don’t believe. They wouldn’t say it like that if they’d really met God. They wouldn’t say it that way if they’d been really touched by God. If they believed these words..’ they’re saying with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength. They’re like.. ‘all your heart, all your soul.’ It’s like that voice from the Peanuts, the teacher where it’s like (WAH, WAH, WAH), right?

And so I think there is a problem here. There’s a problem that in our desire to be holy, we’ve lost our passion and our fire that comes from the Holy Spirit. In our desire to do things decent and in order, very often we lose that BOOM, that Holy Spirit power that can shine through.

And just think about that. When you think about the images of the Holy Spirit, we’re a Trinitarian church, right? We’re an Orthodox church. We believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And when you see images of the Holy Spirit, what do you see? You see things like what? Fire, wind, a movement, life. Without the Holy Spirit, that lump of clay that was Adam was just a dead lump of clay, and then the Holy Spirit, the pneuma or pnevma, the Ruach Elohim. The Spirit of God fills his lungs in a man and a woman and they come to life. That’s what the Spirit is is the life, the wind inside of a person.

What does the Bible say – where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! Freedom. And let’s live in that freedom. This is what I want for us today is this freedom to capture it today. What kind of freedom do you get from the Spirit? Most importantly, we know if we believe in the gospel, we get freedom from sin. That’s a huge deal. Everything you’ve done, it’s been wiped clean. We get the idea that we’re going to follow God with all our heart, but we’ll mess up sometimes, but God’s actually going to free us from sin, which doesn’t just mean He cleans us from sin, but the chains, the addictions, the bad behavior, the stuff that keeps us in the mud. We can get rid of that stuff. We can be free of that. You can be free of all that stuff.

We get freedom from lack. We get freedom from mediocrity. We get freedom from isolation. Anyone who’s full of the Spirit, yes, if they’re in like solitary confinement, or completely alone, they’re not alone. They got the Spirit of God inside of them. So this is important. The Holy Spirit brings freedom, it brings life, it brings passion, it brings enthusiasm, it brings power. And this is the life we want to never lose, we want to keep it and we want to encourage it in our children.

And that brings us to the scripture for today that Hannah read from Acts chapter 19. It’s a really interesting passage because Paul arrives in this big city called Ephesus, which is in modern day Turkey. He’s there, big port town, and he meets these people who have been sort of baptized into Christ, or something like this. And he meets them and he greets them and he says this. He asks them, ‘did you receive the Holy Spirit?’ And what do they say? They say ‘we didn’t know there was a Holy Spirit,’ literally. Now we know these people are not Jews because every Jew knows about the Holy Spirit. That up until Christ, He dwelled in the holy of holies. So what was probably happening is they were Pagans who converted to Judaism. Because the next thing he says is ‘well what baptism did you receive?’ And they said ‘the baptism of..’ do you remember who they say? ‘Of John.’ John who? Probably John the Baptist. So this is already very weird. We don’t know how or what happened, but John the Baptist, the guy from Galilee, Jesus’ cousin, the forerunner of Christ, somehow made his way from the Galilee to Ephesus, and maybe other places, and was preaching that the Christ is coming. And while he was in Ephesus, baptized these guys. Now what baptism did they receive? Not the one that we got because this all happened before Christ was crucified. We know that because John the Baptist died before Christ was crucified. Remember, he was killed by Herod.

So here’s the big question – what was happening there, and in Judaism, we forget that in the first century, if you were a Pagan and you wanted to become a Jew, the way that happens is you were baptized, actually. Very similar to the way we do it today. So they received this baptism, but Paul says okay, the baptism that you got from John was a baptism of repentance, meaning you are free from your sin. But now, I’m going to baptize you into Jesus Christ and you’re going to receive the Holy Spirit. So he laid hands on them, and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy, and this new power and life came upon them.

So when I read this passage, I cannot help but think of many Christians today. That there are many Christians today who yes, they received a baptism, but it feels to them only like a baptism of repentance and that’s a wonderful thing. That’s the most important thing, to be free from sin. To have your home in heaven. They know that. They went to a Billy Graham crusade or something like that, or went to a church event, or somehow they received a baptism of repentance, but they don’t even know there’s a Holy Spirit. It’s just the last thing you say when you do this at the end of church, right? Okay. And I think that this is what we’re missing.

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Many Christians are like this, they understand salvation, but they don't understand life in the Spirit. Enthusiasm, passion, energy, love, these are all evidence, I think, of the Holy Spirit. The word "enthusiasm," in fact, means "God within." "Entheos." God is within. And so Dallas Willard gives us a layout that I think is interesting in Job. He says that there's three faiths and they're all good and you can see them in the life of Job.

The story of Job goes like this. Job was an obedient, godly man. In fact the Bible says he was the most righteous man on earth. And because of that, Job received God's blessing not only in health, but in life, in friendship, in wealth, in everything. And Job has this idea that I am blessed because of my righteousness or obedience to God. And in fact he was. The Bible says that. Dallas Willard calls this the faith of propriety. This is a new believer, right? They're just: I do what's right, and God blesses me. And He does! Hey. The scripture attests to that.

But then something weird happens, and Job can't explain it. All of a sudden, his whole family dies. He loses everything. And also he becomes sick. He's literally scraping boils with clay shards and crying out to God and nothing is happening. His wife says to him, 'curse God and die.' And what does he say? No; famously, "though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Right? So Job says even if God kills me, I just trust Him. Dallas Willard calls this the faith of desperation. Also the good faith. Many of us have had that. You've had that when you've had a sick child. You've had that when you've been out of money and there's bills to pay. You've had that when you're facing a sickness. You don't know why, you don't know why this is happening to you, you're not hearing any answers, it's going for far longer than you thought, but you still say though I die, I just trust God. I just trust the Lord. I trust Him.

Finally, it gets so bad for Job that he demands an audience from God. God, this isn't fair. I demand an audience from you. Whoa! In Hebrew, the word is hutzpah when you say that, huh? Hutzpah. Yes, it's Yiddish. But anyway, he demands an audience with God, and interestingly enough, God shows up in a cloud. And he has this radical encounter with God where God shows him everything that he's doing, that is what God is doing. He sees all the animals and all of creation, and he sees the whole universe. He gets this like incredible, maybe a hippie would call it a psychedelic experience, man. Right? He gets this incredible mind-bending experience with the Holy Spirit of God, and then he gets what Dallas Willard calls faith of sufficiency.

Now in this faith of sufficiency, he receives double everything he lost. But something has changed in Job. Something has changed in Job that his faith is now just in God alone, that whether I have a little or a lot, I just trust in God and I know God's character. How did he receive this deeper sense of a life without lack? He received it because he encountered God! He met God Himself! And this is something that's available to every person in this room right now. The Holy Spirit.

When you receive a touch from the Holy Spirit, you receive a double portion, you receive the blessing, but you don't need it. It's like we talked about last week in the story when Jesus sends out the seventy, He sends them out with nothing, not even shoes or money or anything. And when they come back, they say we had all this power, we healed people, we cast out demons, and later He asked them did you ever lack anything? And they said never, Lord. We never lacked anything. And He says okay, now take sandals and shoes and a wallet and a jacket and a sword and all this stuff. So this is what this life is like in the kingdom is when you receive a touch from the Spirit, you can be in the best of the types of faith, which is the faith of sufficiency. And that brings us to the Holy Spirit, the only one who can do this in our lives. It doesn't come from trying harder, it comes from receiving a touch from Him.

You say like those Ephesians, 'I don't know if I received the Holy Spirit.' Yes you did. Now I'm talking to Christians. If you're not a Christian, just become a Christian. What are you waiting for? Just make a decision. Stop. Stop crying, stop talking about the crusades, just become a Christian. All right? Today is a great day to become a believer. Many of us, we have nice ideas about Jesus or whatever. Become a Christian today. Live at peace with God. But if you are a Christian, if you were baptized, you made a confession, you invited Christ into your heart, you received the Holy Spirit. You say, Bobby, I don't really feel like I received the Holy Spirit. You did.

Here's the analogy I like to use. Receiving the Holy Spirit is like receiving a pilot light. A pilot light. Now a fireplace that has a pilot light, versus a fireplace that doesn't have a pilot light, one can be lit and one cannot. And I can tell you for sure even though a pilot light is barely visible and gives off hardly any heat at all, I promise you its fire. And the reason I know this is because my brother-in-law, who happens to be here today, he and I were watching my nephew, who also happens to be here today, when he was a baby, and this is the most in trouble I think we've ever gotten.

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The baby was crawling along, Caleb, and he looked up and he put his hand on the pilot light and looked at us and smiled. And I watched a little flame go (BOOF) around his hand. And both of us, dummies. He still had like a little like a.. I don't know if you remember that, you still got a scar? (CALEB – yes, I still have a scar) Oh. Hey Caleb, can you attest to the fact is a pilot light a real fire? It is, yes. You have the scars to show it. So you received a pilot light in your salvation. Think of it like this, and you say well I don't want a pilot light, I want a big fire. Well that's no problem. What do you do if you want a big fire and not just a pilot light? What do you do? Everybody knows, what do you do? You turn on the gas, my friend. Turn on the gas! You just turn on the gas. You can turn it up high, you can turn it up low, but you can turn it on.

The gospel is not opposed to effort. It's opposed to earning, but not effort. There has to be some part of us that takes a step of faith, and I want to encourage you to do that today, to turn on the gas. Some of you say I remember when I was in high school and I was saved and I was witnessing to people in my church. Or I was out there praying for the sick, or I was going on missionary trips, or I was committed to my church every day. And you say but I just feel like I've lost it. I'm just here because it's kind of what I do on Sunday, or you're watching on television. I want to encourage you, you have not lost it.

Second Timothy tells us "stir up the gift of God that was given to you." Stir up the gift of God and it says "for we have not been given a spirit of fear, but a spirit of" what? Who knows it? "Power!" A spirit of what? Power. There's two more. "The spirit of love and a spirit of sound mind." You guys are cool. Spirit of power, a spirit of love, a spirit of sound mind. How do we get that? He just told us. You stir up that gift. You stir up the gift inside of you.

A friend of ours gave a great analogy for this. She says it's like chocolate milk. Some of you guys remember when you were kids, and you had like the Nestle.. chocolate is a great summer snack, you put the little chocolate in a.. some of you had powder. The rich kids had the actual sauce stuff that looks like fudge. Some of us had the powder, some of us had the fudge. This is a multi-dimensional Nestle.. no matter what you got, you're welcome here, even though we're in Irvine, right? And so you make your little chocolate milk and you stir it up, and then you take a sip and somebody says oh, something's going on, so you put your chocolate milk in the fridge, and you come back an hour later to drink your chocolate milk, and what's happened? Well the chocolate is on the bottom, and the milk is on the top, isn't it. You're not going to just drink that like a psychopath. Right? You're not just going to drink it straight up. You're going to take a spoon, and you're going to stir it up. You're going to stir it up.

So I think many people here, you've had those encounters with God. Those memories are not gone, that experience is not gone, the spirit is not gone. It's just like chocolate at the bottom. Just stir it up, my friend. It's a lot easier than you think. Stir it up.

What does that look like? That looks like passionate worship. When you worship, worship passionately. That looks like when you pray, pray enthusiastically. When you study the Bible, understand what you're studying. The most read book in human history, ancient text, the word of God that came to us over three thousand years, that kings and emperors have tried desperately to destroy, that Satan with all of his might has tried to keep out of your hands and sits on your coffee table collecting dust. The word of God. Read it with conviction. Read it with seriousness and apply it to your life. This is what we're talking about when we talk about stirring up the gift.

I think, and this brings in my most important point, I think, today, the greatest enemy of the on-fire life is this one weird thing we have, especially in the west, and that is propriety. The great enemy of the on fire life is propriety. Propriety, I define, is something like this – fitting in, people pleasing, or being proper. Now, if you're from some cool place like the United Kingdom, you'll say something cool, and I think this is cool, like 'manners maketh a man.' And certainly they do. I am not suggesting on not having manners, I'm not suggesting being rude or unkind, but here's what I am saying – let's avoid trying to be proper all the time. Right? Love is not rude. We know that.

Funny story, when I had my own personal conversion when I was 15, my sister Angie, big sister, was in the bathroom getting ready and I popped my head in the door and burped and then ran away and I thought it was hilarious. And I came back later and I said, 'Angie, the Bible says love is not rude. I'm sorry.' And I like gave her a side hug, and then like walked out awkwardly. She said I knew Bobby had changed into a new person after he did that. So this is good. It's a good thing to do, right, to not be rude. But there's a difference between manners and propriety.

Look, wherever the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. If you find propriety just like this heavy thing, get rid of that.

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When David dances before the Lord dressed like a Levite when the Ark of the Covenant comes into Jerusalem, he doesn't do it in a proper way. He dances like a wild man. Why? Because he is ushering in the literal throne of God into his city. Every prophet I can think of, like Elijah, or Jeremiah, or John the Baptist, they're all like a little bit weird. They all have like a strange edge to them. Why? Because they're so full of God's Spirit they can barely contain it! They're doing their best to just not be completely crazy. They're so full of His life, and that's why they're able to do so many great things for the Lord.

This is also, by the way, why God chose hippies to create the Jesus movement in the early 1970's. This was a season when propriety was literally killing the American church, and the American church would not admit it. So God called a number of these hippies, which my dad says, are just basically cool homeless people back then. They were basically just cool homeless people. And they just started pouring into the church and were just receiving the Spirit. They were sitting in the aisles barefoot. And they were doing this amazing thing. They didn't know how to be proper. They just loved everybody, including the proper people.

Here's what they knew – they didn't know how to be proper, but they did know this – they knew that they were lost and now they're found. They knew that they had become a temple of the living God. They knew that if they had enough faith, they could move a mountain. And so God used them to set the church free in America, and we call that the Jesus movement. And boy, can I tell you, some of the biggest churches in the world today were started by those crazy hippies 30/40 years ago.

Whatever you do, do it with passion, and do it with enthusiasm. When you do your work, do it with enthusiasm. When you kiss your wife or your husband, when you talk to your kids, do it with passion and enthusiasm. When you pray, please, when you pray, do it with some enthusiasm, some conviction. When you write, when you do art, when you play, when you sing, whatever it is you do, do it with passion and enthusiasm.

You say, Bobby, this reminds me of some hucksters I know. This sounds like someone who's a fraud. This sounds like a con man. That only supports my point. Think about it. I have thought so many times that some of the biggest con men that you see in a lot of the so-called gurus and others, think about if they were leading real organizations, or if they were selling a really terrific product what they could have accomplished. Some of the greatest leaders that we know of were both passionate, enthusiastic and educated, or had some great idea or visionary. It's both. It's not either/or.

Think about Dr. King. Dr. King was not just well educated, and he was, he wasn't just super well read, and he was. He was full of passion, right? I have a dream, right! That was not said: I have a.. I've got this dream, right? No, passion.

Mother Teresa, some of you don't.. Mother Teresa was a living saint when I was younger, passed away I think about 20 years ago. Powerful woman, rather. A lot of times we forget that nuns.. we think of nuns, right, nuns are so full of passion. Some of you have been slapped on the wrist with a ruler by a couple of passionate nuns. Mother Teresa, I've told this story a million times but it's worth telling again. She would care for dying children in Calcutta India. And she was holding this young adolescent girl who was writhing and was in terrible pain, and this American reporter was interviewing her with a live camera and a microphone, and they had to pause the interview because the girl urinated on Mother Teresa and so the reporter, who was sort of bothered by this, turned back and looked to the cameraman, thinking Mother Teresa couldn't hear, and said, 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' And Mother Teresa, having heard it, grabbed her by the arm, pulled her forward and said, 'neither would I!' Whoa! We call that enthusiasm. We call that passion. Somebody who cares deeply, deeply. Really believes in what they're doing.

Believe in what you're doing. Believe in it with all your heart. Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, and people will follow you. People will buy into you. And most importantly, it's the way we all really want to be. Every person here was born with that fire. And that fire was given gas when you were full of the Holy Spirit. Every person here doesn't want to be proper, they don't want to see 'proper' on their tombstone. They want to see that something was accomplished, something was done. And you can do all that you're called to do. Trust your life to the Lord. Live with fire. Live with enthusiasm. Live with conviction. Live with the Spirit.

Someone here says what will people think? Who cares? Who cares? Here's what I say to that – get around some new people. Get around some new people.

Jesus said unto us, blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you. Did you catch the first word in there? Blessed are you. Blessed does not mean holy. Blessed means like hashtag blessed. It means like your life is good. Like you're lucky.

## Unlocking Passion and Zeal

Like something amazing is going to happen to you. Why? Why is it an awesome thing when people hate you, insult you and persecute you, etc., etc. Here's why – you're not invisible. Here's why – you're making a difference. Here's why – you're alive.

If you're making an impact, you're making an enemy. Did you catch that? If you're making a difference, you're making an enemy, that's a promise. Jesus tells us love your enemies. What's the assumption there? That you have enemies! You say Bobby, I don't have any enemies. I'm such a nice person. I don't have any enemies. Here's what I say to you – get some. Get some enemies. Now I don't mean that literally. Hannah was like you got to.. now what I mean by that, the Bible says to us be at peace with everyone as much as possible, but no doubt, if you're doing what God's called you to do, and you're doing it enough, you're going to make a difference, and if you make a difference, you're going to get an enemy. You're going to get people that are gossiping about you, you're going to get people lying about you, all sorts of tricks are going to be pulled against you to stop you from doing what you're doing.

The kingdom of God only grows at the expense of the kingdom of darkness, you see. So when the kingdom of God gains, the kingdom of darkness loses, and that hurts, and that's good, right. We want to make him hurt. Hannah's not here to tell me not to say to make them hurt. Here's what I'm getting at – be worthy of an enemy. Be worthy of enemies, be worthy of envy, and be worthy of judgment by the world. Okay.

Last idea – don't be an ally. Be a friend. Don't be an ally. Be a friend. Here's what friends do – friends do what's right. Friends think of goodness as an ideal objective thing that can be known and discovered by everyone. Allies think of goodness as what is good for the tribe. This is the main thing that is causing the huge political issue in America and around the world today is tribalism. Everybody's an ally, nobody's a friend. So allies think about the tribe, friends think about what's right. A true friend of yours will have no problem sitting you down and in a loving way, calling you out on your stuff. We call that a friend.

Here's another way of thinking about it – friends think independently. Allies think this is the way we do it here. And the fruit of that kind of thinking is propriety. Properness. Always fitting in. Don't be an ally, be a friend. That's what people really need today.

All right. I had a really cool story about a boy helping a semi-truck getting out from under a bridge, but I've run out of time. So I'll use it in another sermon and I won't say which sermon it is, so you're going to have to come every Sunday to catch it, but it's really good. It's really good. It's worth coming. All right. I thought it'd be this service, actually, when I'd made that joke last service. But those of you who tried to.. anyway, all right, I'll move on.

Last thing. Here's what we say – God loves you, all right? God loves you, and boy, did you hear that? The God of the universe, He loves you, He's for you, He's on your side, He's not against you. Live your life to glorify God, and just kind of do your best with everybody else. Just love God, glorify Him, and if you seem a little weird to everybody else, that's probably a good thing.

I want to encourage you to make a decision to follow Jesus today. Some of you are not at peace with God. We can change that. There's no reason you have to live anxious about where you're going to go when you die, or whether you should be a Christian or not. Just make a decision today. Become a Christian and commit to it with all your heart. It is the best life you can live. The Father sent His Son to die on the cross, and was raised from the dead for our sins so that we could be at peace with God and be full of the Spirit. Believe today and receive that gift and you will be saved. Make a decision today to invite Christ into your heart, and you'll never be the same again. If you do that, won't you text me the word HOPE to the number on the screen and we will pray for you and we'll send you some materials that will help you in your new walk with God.

Jesus, we ask you to stand with us in this hour. And we pray that we would be set free by your Spirit. Free from sin, but also free from propriety, free from fear, free from all the stuff, all the stuff that we're worried about all the time. We want to live for you with passion and fire, and we want to do all that we do with enthusiasm. Father, we thank you and we love you and we're grateful for the Spirit of God that's in us now, and we pray it all in Jesus' name, all God's people said, amen.

### BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

Well thank you for being here. 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.