

### **GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah**

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

HS: Welcome, welcome friends and church family. The Bible says those that seek the Lord lack no good thing. Hallelujah. You are loved. Thank you for being here.

BS: We are so glad you're here, church. All right, y'all ready to pray? We're going to believe that God's going to touch us today in a special way. The Angel Gabriel said, a word from God cannot fail, and we believe that today. Father, we just come into your presence as your people. We thank you that there is no disease you can't heal. There's no change you can't make. There is no heart you can't turn around. We're believing today that you deliver us and free us from any bondage, any sin, any fear, any weakness, sickness, lack. We thank you, God, that you provide all that we need and more. Lord, we just love you, and we thank you that the kingdom of God is here and that the presence of the Holy Spirit is here. And we just begin by saying, Lord, we lift up the name of Jesus and we worship you and 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 – Romans 4:16-21 - Hannah**

Amen. Let's feed our faith this morning with Romans 4:16-21.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. And it is written, I have made you a father of many nations. (That includes our nation.) He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed. The God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham, in hope, believed and so became the father of many nations. Just as it had been said to him, so shall your offspring be. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. Thank you, Lord.

### **MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Having Victory Through the Word of Faith"**

I'm just going to ask Holy Spirit that you would speak through me today. The scriptures promise that when you go before people to say the gospel, that it's not you that will speak, but the Holy Spirit through you. I just ask this church to confirm and affirm that word, that the listener of a word of God greatly impacts the speaker of the Word of God. And so we want you to engage with the sermon. If you're watching on YouTube, we want you to comment. If you're here, we want you.. we do, and if you're here, we want you to say amen, and we want you to participate. Are you ready?

We're going to believe that the Holy Spirit is going to speak to you today, and this is a big one. This is a big one. Jesus tells us that if we believe in Him and we walk by faith, you can have what you say. Now we're a crazy church. We actually believe that. A lot of churches, when you ask them, when Jesus says you can have what you say, a lot of churches say, well. Does this church say, well? (AUDIENCE – no) We say yes and amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) Yes and amen. We believe that the Word of God cannot fail. That's the words of Angel Gabriel. And we believe that what we say has power to transform, to manifest, to destroy, to lift up, to tear down, to heal, to make sick, and we want to be careful today. No idle words. We want to speak the kind of words that build up.

If you have your Bibles open up to Job, chapter one, and maybe just take that bookmark and put it in there, because I have some preamble before we get there. I want to review again what we said last week, because it's important to what we say this week. It is important that believers are led by the Holy Spirit in everything they do.

It's easy to just say, I want to do good things and not bad things. That's not what we're called to do. We're called to be led by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will always lead us into good things, but there are some good things we should not do. Some opportunities we should not take. Some open doors we should not walk through. Well, how do we know? And the answer is, we know by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) We want to be led by the Holy Spirit, not just in what we do, but in our words. We talked about this last week. Some of y'all blessed your cars last week. Anybody bless your car last week, or bless your television, or bless your phone and not curse it? Okay, maybe not. And what we established last week was words are seeds, Jesus tells us. Words are seeds. If you plant good words, if you plant the Word of God, if you plant life-giving words in your life, then down the road you're going to inherit thirty, sixty, a hundredfold of goodness, of life, of healing, of all the things that you need; provision of everything that the Lord promises. If you are planting fearful, evil, wicked, stressful, negative words, you are going to reap a harvest of that. Is that right? And so we want to be careful.

Here's a good question: can a Christian plant evil seeds? They can, right? And we often do it on accident. Can a non-believer plant good seeds? Absolutely. Someone that does not believe in the Lord can accidentally plant amazing things in their future. In fact, in order to become a believer, Romans tells us you have to make a confession. What's a confession? Its words. And so the unbelieving person has to make a confession about Jesus Christ to be saved. Isn't that interesting?

Unsaved people can plant good seeds and saved people can plant evil seeds. We're going to plant good seeds this morning (AUDIENCE – amen) and we're going to leave here disciplined in what we say.

Who knows? Hey, Hannah, there's a Ziploc bag down there. Can you hand it to me? Have Haven bring it up here. Who here knows? I might have left it in the sound room. It's okay. Oh, there it is. Who here knows that it takes time for seeds to grow? This is my beautiful 15-year-old daughter, Haven. Everybody say, thanks, Haven. (HAVEN - You're welcome) Who here knows that it takes time for a seed to grow? You don't just put a seed in the ground, wait a minute, and then say, hey, I planted the word of God. Where's my fruit? Or you say, oh, I cursed this thing. I said this wicked thing. Nothing bad happened. Who knows it takes some time for a seed to grow.

So if I was teaching a bunch of children and not a bunch of university professors, and I held this apple seed up, you may not see it, but it's an apple seed, and I said, this is an apple tree, everybody would understand that, wouldn't they? Now, is this literally an apple tree? Not yet. Dr. Schuller famously said, remember that one? "Anyone can count the seeds of an apple," but only God.. actually, the best way to do a Dr. Schuller impression, I realized, is to plug your nose. "But only God can count the apples in a seed." Pretty good. You got to plug your nose. Okay.

This is apple.. I appreciate the applause. So if I held this up to children and I said, this is an apple tree, you'd know what that meant, even though it's not literally an apple tree. And if I plant this and bury it in the ground, and I pointed to all the children, I would say, children, this is an apple tree. And they would agree, wouldn't they?

And then if a little sprout came up out of the ground, just a little piece, looks like a blade of grass, and I said, this is an apple tree, it would be even more concrete, wouldn't it? And then if it became a sapling, just a foot or two high, and I said, this is an apple tree, that would be true, wouldn't it? And then after years, if there was a full apple tree with no apples on it, and I said, this is an apple tree, they would believe it, wouldn't they? And then eventually you'd pluck an apple.

This is what the kingdom of God is like when it comes to saying the Word of God. This is an apple tree. That is an apple tree. And the only difference was faith and time. Faith and time. At no point did I pull that little sapling out of the ground to observe it by the roots to see if it was still growing. Don't curse your tree.

We can plant words. We can plant seeds. We can plant seeds of healing. Sometimes healing takes time. You need to plant the Word of God. We can plant the Word of God for provision. We can plant the Word of God for all the things that we need in life. We can plant the Word of God for deliverance from unclean spirits. We can plant the Word of God to heal our marriage, to heal the relationships with our kids or grandkids or parents or old friends. We can plant those words.

Who here knows that the Schuller family are seed planters? If you walk around our house, you're going to see scriptures all over every wall, all over the place. There's a reason for that. It's because we used to be sick. Is that right, Hannah? Who here heard used to be? Used to be! And in fact, one of the reasons we're so into the message of the power of the Word of God to heal is because the Word of God healed us.

My wife, Hannah had horrible neuropathy for many years that was degenerative. They said she was going to have to go on orthopedic medicine. We went to the Mayo Clinic, they said there's nothing we can do. Your bones are going to degenerate. You're only going to have a very limited diet. She began to study healing and the Word of God. Who here knows that Hannah can eat anything she wants now and will not get sick? Who here knows that my wife, Hannah is on zero medication, that she is 100% healthy. And I want everybody here to know that she's older than she looks. She looks young and she is young, but she is a healthy woman because of the Word of God and faith.

Our son, Cohen. I believe now - I think our son should have died. Now the Word of God healed our son and is continuing to heal him. My son had terrible seizures. One time when we came back from Israel, we thought he was dead. And these are the things that drew us to the Lord is we believed that if the kingdom of God was among us, that that means we could be healed now. And we began to believe that for our son.

I'll tell you something, our son never has seizures anymore. I'll tell you, our son is healthy. I'll tell you our son is sleeping through the night. Now he's still delayed, but we have seen the Word of God work in him. He's still a sapling. Hannah's a full tree with apples. Some seed takes time. Is that right?

And this isn't just about healing. This is about everything in life. Who knows that wherever the kingdom of God is, there's no poverty? Wherever the kingdom of God is, there's love and compassion and friendship and joy and song and meals. There's life. There's open doors. There's possibilities. There's opportunity. There's health. There's all the things. Now, this is the Word that says this. It's the Bible. And I'm not going to make and pretend that it's not true just because I haven't always seen it in my life. I'm going to walk by faith and not by sight. Okay?

The seed is what makes the difference. Farmers believe in the seed. Many of us are disconnected from our food. When you eat a hamburger, an animal died for that hamburger to appear. When you eat bread, grain had to go into the ground and be planted and cared for and harvested and tended and processed and milled and sent. So there is a process.

We must tap into our farmer's roots to understand the power of the Word of God. It's not a vending machine. It's not a grocery store. It's a farm. And to reap a harvest, you got to plant a seed. Okay?

Second principle: the seed has dominion over the earth, not the other way around. The seed has dominion over the earth. The earth doesn't tell the seed what to do. The seed tells the earth what to do. It is not the earth. So in the parable that Jesus gives us, our heart is the earth and the seed is the word, whether it's a wicked word or a good word. The seed has dominion over the earth.

Apple seeds have dominion over the earth and become apple trees. Beans have dominion over the earth and become bean vines?

Sprouts.. I'll figure it out before the second service. Avocado seeds/pits have dominion over the earth.

Somebody say all seeds (AUDIENCE – all seeds) have dominion over the earth (AUDIENCE – have dominion over the earth). Is that true of weeds? Is that true of cactus? (AUDIENCE – yes) Is that true of thistles? (AUDIENCE – yes)

Okay, you plant thistles, doesn't matter how good the earth is, you're going to get thistles. Whatever you plant, the words are seeds. Whatever words you plant in your life have dominion over your heart. Whatever seeds you plant have dominion over your life. All right. Now we're going to talk about both sides of the ledger. First about the bad seeds, then the good seeds. Let's start with the bad ones. We're going to deal with the weeds, the thistles, the cactuses. I guess some cactus are good, but the bad cactuses, we're going to deal with the bad ones first.

Number one, Satan has two goals when it comes to this principle. Number one, Jesus tells us he wants to snatch up the good seed. Who here knows, even now, as I am speaking the word of God to you, Satan has spoken to many of you to snatch up the word away from you. Sounds something like there is no God, or the Bible is just an old book, or that's not true for you because of your past. Or I had a pastor say that's not true back in the day. Okay. Many other things that the enemy.. who knows that the enemy speaks to good people. I bet you anything that Satan and unclean spirits talk to me most of all in this building. Maybe Tim, too.

If you are a man or a woman of God, you are a target for the thoughts and ideas from the enemy, and it is our job to simply rebuke that and take encouragement from it. Can you take encouragement from that? Okay, so he wants to snatch up the seed.

Here's what snatching up the seed sounds like. It sounds like what Satan said in the garden: did God really say. Did God really say, if you eat of the tree, you shall die? The first sin was not eating of the tree, the first sin was not believing the Word of the Lord. This church believes in the Word of the Lord, amen?

Number two - the second thing that the enemy wants to do, if he could snatch away the good seed, or even if he can't snatch away the good seed, he wants to plant weeds alongside the good seed. He wants to plant weeds. But guess what? He can't do it without your help. You have to say it. You have to say it for the weeds to be planted in your garden. He can't do it without your help. Isn't it interesting how often he's trying to get us to just say it? Just say it. Just say it. Just say it. Just say it.

Peter, in Caesarea, Philippi says, you are the Christ, the son of the living God. And what does Jesus say? Blessed are you, Peter, for this was not revealed to you by man, but was revealed to you by who? Somebody say the Holy Spirit. (AUDIENCE – the Holy Spirit) It was revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. The next sentence, Jesus says, I have to go to Jerusalem and be crucified. And Peter says, no, Lord, no. And what does Jesus say right after that? (AUDIENCE – get behind me) Get behind me. Who? (AUDIENCE – Satan) Satan! Now do you see first the Holy Spirit talks to him, Peter says it. Who talks to him next? Satan. And what does Peter do? Peter says it! Okay.

Satan cannot plant weeds in your life without your help. Stop planting weeds in your garden. Right? What do you do with weeds in your garden? Rip them out! Ruthlessly. Every single one. Every single one. Stop cursing your life. Stop cursing your life. My blankety blank this, my blankety blank that. Stop. Your blankety blank phone, your blankety blank car, your blankety blank plumbing, your blankety blank whatever.. house, your blankety blank business, your blankety blank employees, your blankety blank family members, your blankety blank knee. Your blankety blank heart, your blankety blank brain. If you plant blankety blank, what are you going to get? (AUDIENCE – blankety blank) Blankety blank. Am I right? You say my life is full of blankety blank. You're planting blankety blank! I've never cussed this much in church.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me this morning. He confronted me about and rebuked me about something I did last night. I love my Bible. I got a new Bible for Christmas, but every other page is stuck on the corner and it's driving me crazy. Look, there, I just said it.

It is not driving me crazy. Every page is stuck. It's bothering me. And then, for whatever reason, I could not remember what book comes after 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles. So I went to the beginning to see the order, and this Bible decided to put all the books of the Bible in alphabetical order rather than the order that they're listed. Why would you do that? And so I literally said, I hate this Bible. So stupid.

Now listen to what I said. Now, I didn't mean the Word of God, but who here knows that what you mean and what you say doesn't matter spiritually? If what you say is not what you meant, it doesn't matter. It's what you said. What did I say? I hate this Bible. So stupid. Where did that come from? That came from the enemy. I immediately said, Lord, I do not hate this Bible, and it is not stupid. Just the corner bits.

All right, we need to be careful. I don't know why it is this way, but it is. First Peter, can we bring up that Bible verse? I want us to say this together. Let's say this together: "For whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech." Amen.

All right. Are you Job chapter one? Are you already there? I've given you literally 20 minutes to get there. Are you there? Okay. I want you to see something in Job. We're not going to teach on Job right now. I know there's a lot to unpack here. We've preached on this before. I just don't have time because it's not on topic, but I want you to see something about Job. Job, chapter one, verse nine. This is Satan talking.

"Does Job fear God for nothing? Satan replied, have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand." This is Satan talking. "And strike everything he has." And then just really pay attention to this.

"And he will surely curse you to your face." He will surely curse you to your face.

Everybody listen to me. The wager in the book of Job is about whether or not Job will say something. The whole book is a bet between God and the devil about whether or not Job will say something. Will he curse you or not?

Turn the page over. Next bit. Bunch of terrible things happen. You probably know the story. He's scraping boils from his skin, Job. Job, chapter two, verse nine. "His wife said to him, are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die." Where did that come from? (AUDIENCE – the enemy) It didn't come from his wife. Can Satan speak to you through other people? (AUDIENCE – yes) Curse God and die. "He replied, you are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God and not trouble? In all this, Job did not sin in what he (AUDIENCE – said) said." Hello!

Let's pray together. Repeat after me: Father in heaven (AUDIENCE – Father in heaven), we repent of every idle and evil word (AUDIENCE – we repent of every idle and evil word). We cancel those words now (AUDIENCE – we cancel those words now). We pull them up like weeds (AUDIENCE – we pull them up like weeds) and we burn them as fertilizer (AUDIENCE – and we burn them as fertilizer) in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus' name). Amen (AUDIENCE – amen).

All right, you got a weed-less garden now, that's good. But are the crops growing? Principle number two: plant a beautiful garden. You want a beautiful future? Plant beautiful words. You want a prosperous future? Plant prosperous words. You want a healthy future? Plant healthy words. You want a sinless future? Plant sinless words; holy words. Plant the Word of God.

Jesus tells us, you can have what you say. That's incredible! Some of us believe that. You can have what you say. You can have what you say. Mark, chapter 11:22. Jesus says, "Have faith in God." By the way, this is actually 'have the faith of God,' but no translator has the courage to write that because it doesn't make any sense to them. It makes sense to me. Does it make sense to you? Here's what the faith of God is. God says something and then He sees it. He speaks to things as though they were and it happens. "Have the faith of God, Jesus answered.

Truly I tell you, if anyone says," everybody say, says (AUDIENCE – says). That's not wants or thinks, but "says to this mountain, go throw yourself into the sea and does not doubt in their heart, but believes that" hello, so let's say this together, "but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them." You can have what you say. You can have what you say. What they say will happen, it says. What they say will happen. What you say will happen. What you say, if you believe it, will happen.

Charles Capps said, "I told my people they can have what they say, but they're saying what they have." They're saying what they have.

Turn with me to Romans, chapter four, if you got your Bibles. Romans 4. The apostle Paul is writing to the church in Rome talking about Abraham. This is a powerful passage. I encourage you to meditate on it this week. Romans, chapter 4, verse 16. "Therefore, the promise comes by faith so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham's offspring, not only those who are of the law, but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He's the father of us all. As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. He is our Father in the sight of God, in whom he believed. The God who gives life to the dead and calls into being those things that were not." King James says he calls those things that be not as though they were.

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations. Just as it had been said of him, so shall your offspring be. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old and Sarah's womb," that's his wife, "was also dead, yet he did not waver through unbelief." He did not waver through unbelief. He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promises of God, "but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God being fully persuaded that God had power to do what promised."

Okay, again, this is God's character. He calls things that be not as though they were, the scripture says. He calls things that be not as though they were. God makes a covenant with Abraham. Abraham is 75. Sarah is 65. Do 75 and 65-year-old couples typically have children? They do not unless God says they do. Is that right? God's law, God's word is above natural law. Natural law is God's law. He's the one that spoke that natural law to being, and He can ratify it, He can change it, He can amend it. Any other legal words I can use?

God decides that Abram, which means great father, the man He made a covenant with, great father doesn't literally mean you're a father in those days. It can mean a great old man, like Uncle Bobby. Great old man. And God decides we need an unambiguous name for Abram. What did He change his name to? Abraham. Which means the father of what? Many nations. The father of many nations.

How long was it between the covenant that God made with Abram, Abraham and how long until he actually saw the promise? Twenty-five years. Seventy-five to 100. And keep in mind in the natural, the older you get, the less likely it feels. Looking at 89-year-old Sarah, you're just like, I'm not sure.

Now don't miss the fact that God changed Abram, great father's name, to Abraham, father of many nations. Everywhere Abraham went and introduced himself, this fatherless man had to say, 'hello, nice to meet you. My name is the father of many nations.' 'Hello, nice to meet you. God gave me a new name. My name is the father of many nations.' How many children do you have? Zero. Now keep in mind he never said I'm not old. Abraham never said, my wife isn't barren. We get hung up on that a lot. What did he just say? I am the father.. and listen, not the father of many children. Not even the father of the nation of Israel. The father of what? Many nations. That's incredible.

And for 25 years, Abraham sowed that word into his life, never wavering, never failing, and it came to pass because it takes 25 years for that seed to grow into fruit. Is that right? Is that right? That's a long time. That's a long time. Thank you, Lord that you brought Abraham. How long? How long? Amen. Some seeds take a long time.

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Here's another way Brother Capps showed a great revelation. Brother Capps has said when you read Genesis 1, it says that God said, let there be light, and God saw what? (AUDIENCE – light) And then it said, God said, let there be land, and then it said, God saw that it was good. And then God said, let there be stars, and then God saw that they were good. Ten times. Ten times, it says, God said, God saw. God said, God saw. God said, God saw. Let's say it together: God said, God saw. Walk by faith, not by sight, means you say then you see. Walk by sight, not by faith, means you see and then you say. Amen? God said, God saw. If God said it, you'll see it. Don't waver. If God said it, you'll see it. Declare with me: God said it (AUDIENCE – God said it), I'll see it (AUDIENCE – I'll see it). Just remember this word from the centurion, Jesus calls it the greatest faith in Israel. Here's what he said: "Just say the word and my servant will be healed." Just say the word and my servant will be healed. You don't need to touch him. You don't need to be in his presence. Just say the word. And Jesus says, greater faith I have not seen in all of Israel. Final thought: you stand on the Word for what you're praying for. Not your words, but this Word. Stand on the Word for your victory. If someone steals your car, are you still the owner? (AUDIENCE – yes) You are! Why? Because of some words on a sheet of paper. Is that right? Called a title deed.

California has some crazy squatting laws. Crazy. It's the one thing that Democrats and Republicans can agree on. They hate the stupid law. If a squatter.. if you go on vacation and a random homeless person goes into your house for a long enough period of time, you cannot get them out with the police. If you have a squatter, I'm not here to talk politics, but if you have a squatter in your house, do you still own your house? (AUDIENCE - yes) Now, some of us here have squatters in our body. Some of us here, we have unclean spirits. We have addictions. We have burdens that we just can't seem to get rid of. We have stuff were like moving one suitcase to the other. And even worse, we have pastors saying, I sympathize with you and you're going to be fine. Instead of, you command those squatters to go.

You, listen, the shepherd protects the sheep, okay? You command those squatters to go in Jesus name, and they will go. You forgive everyone that holds anything against you and you command them to go. Amen? Just because you got squatters doesn't mean you don't own the house. Just because someone steals your car doesn't mean you don't own the car. And if you go to court and you say, I want my car back, I want my house back, the judge is not going to listen to begging. What's he going to listen to? Words! The law! The law. Who has the title? When you go to the court of heaven, use this: stand on the Word for your victory. Amen?

All right, stand with me, church. Who heard the Word of the Lord today? Who will be changed by it? We're going to say different things. We're going to be careful. Amen. All right. We thank you for the Word, Lord. And we thank you that we're set free from bondage. Lift your hands with me. Father, we stand on this Word and we thank you that it's true for us. We decide today that the word sown in faith will bear fruit. This is what you have written into the universe, and we believe it. Today we decide to pull up the weeds and plant seeds of victory. Plant seeds of righteousness. Plant seeds of life and not death. Plant seeds of healing and not sickness. Plant seeds of provision and not poverty. We thank you, Lord. We thank you that your Word is true for us. We believe it, we stand on it, and we thank you, Lord, in Jesus name, all God's people said, amen.

### **BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller**

BS: 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.