

### GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

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

HS: Welcome. We are so happy you're here. You are God's dream. He dreamed you up and the Bible says that He has loved you with an everlasting love, and we love you, too. Thank you for being here today.

BS: Amen, that's a good word. What we're about to do is important, isn't it? The time of worship. It's not a small deal and I know I say that a lot, but it is so important we recognize that the Holy Spirit is among us. That is the same power and life that created the universe. And it can do anything it wants to do. He can do anything He wants to do in our lives this morning. It is so important that we recognize that we have become the presence of the living God; that He's in our bodies.

Today we're going to be talking about the importance of walking by faith and not worrying. We're not going to be feeding our worry, right? Today we are going to be full of confidence, full of life, amen? So we want to stir up the gift within us, as Timothy says.

We're going to do that now. Hold your hands like this. Lord, we come to you in Jesus name. We thank you that you are the King of kings and Lord of lords. You are above every challenge, everything we're facing. And we thank you Lord, that you're going to have the victory. We refuse to worry or be fearful about anything. We thank you that you have the final say over our finances, over health problems and scares, over relationship needs. And most of all, you have conquered our sin. And we thank you that we can stand here completely cleansed because of the cross of Jesus Christ. And so we stand boldly before your throne as your children, as your sons and daughters, and we say, thank you, Lord. We love you and we bless the name of the Lord and it's in Jesus name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

HS: Amen. Turn to the person next to you and say, God loves you and so do I.

### SCRIPTURE – Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Hannah

Want to grab your Bible? Open it with me to Jeremiah 17:5-8. This is a way for us to feed our faith by hearing God's word. It's Jeremiah 17:5-8.

This is what the Lord says: cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Thank you, Lord.

### DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Would you stand with us? We're going to say this creed together as we do every week.

Hold your hands like this as a way of receiving from the Lord. Let's say this together:

Thank you for the cross, Lord. 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. Amen!

### MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "In the Year of Drought, It is Not Anxious"

You can't walk in faith and be a worried person at the same time. You can't be a believing person and a worried person at the same time. The minute you start believing is the minute you stop worrying, and the minute you start worrying is the minute you stop believing. This has been true in my life.

I'm sure it's true for you, and I'm starting to believe and think that one of the greatest achievements a disciple, a true disciple of Jesus Christ can have today is to be a person who constantly lives without any worry. Who lives without worry. Is that possible for us, church? Yes or no? (AUDIENCE – yes) It is possible, and not only is it possible, it's the Lord's will for us. And guess what? It's your spouse's will for you, and it's your kid's will, and it's your employer's will.

We're going to talk today about the incredible power of the Holy Spirit to remove all worry and bring abundance into our life. Are you ready? Corrie ten Boom said when describing the lifeless unbeliever. When we as Christians, people who are not Christians hear us Christians say, 'without the Lord, we're lifeless,' that can be insulting and offensive, but this is what we mean.

A glove is made in the image of the hand. Is that right? A glove looks like a hand. It's a hollow hand. And when you put a hand on a glove, the glove comes to life. Isn't that right? In fact, you might say without a glove, without a hand is lifeless. And when a glove has a hand in it, it's full of life. Is that right?

Who here knows that when a glove and a hand are together, the power is in the hand, not the glove? Is that right? The power is in the hand, not the glove. Everyone sees the glove, the hand is hidden but the power is in the hand, not the glove. It's the hand doing the work. It's the hand that has the power. It's the hand that gives the direction. It's the hand that moves things and changes things. It's the hand that has life, and without a hand in it, a glove is lifeless, powerless, directionless, workless.

Here's an interesting side. As a believer full of the Holy Spirit, when you go and you lay hands on the sick and they're healed of their diseases, as the Bible says they will be when you pray in faith, when you do that, it's literally Jesus laying His hands on somebody, He's just got gloves on. When you lay hands on the sick, when you lay hands on someone to anoint them for ministry, when you lay hands on someone to deliver them from a worrisome or unclean spirit, you're just a glove. And it's the same, it's the same. If you believe, it's the same as Jesus doing it. He's just got gloves on. Amen?! (AUDIENCE – amen)

Jesus is wearing gloves today. Got a lot of hands in the house. Amen? Who's got who's got a glove on today, right? Who's got some Jesus in their body? Amen? Sometimes when a glove is full of a hand like Christ, and begins to work in power and work in miracles and remove burdens and destroy yokes and abolish strongholds in heavenly places, sometimes the glove gets a little proud. And sometimes when that glove has such a win, it starts to see something over there and it goes, I need to go take care of that, but the hand is not going that way, and the glove decides to go on its own. And a glove, which can't be everywhere at the same time, sees that happening over there and that happening over there and wants to go in its own power, but the power is in the hand, not the glove.

The kingdom of God is like a glove in a hand, but without the hand you're powerless.

Amen, church? (AUDIENCE – amen) Worry is what happens when a glove has no hand in it. When you as a believer are trying to go where the hand isn't going, you try to do what the hand isn't doing, you try to solve what the hand isn't trying to solve through you, you're trying to fix a person that you're not called to fix, do something you're not called to do. And so the cure for worry is to be full of the Holy Spirit. Full of the Holy Spirit, not worry.

In fact, let's just pray right now. Let's not even let this moment pass. Do you believe that? Do you believe if you were full of the Holy Spirit, you would stop worrying? That all fear would go away? That your prayers would come to pass? That when you spoke the word in power it would come and be true for you and for your neighbor? Okay. Maybe just hold your hands kind of open like this, open your heart to the Holy Spirit and humble yourself. The Holy Spirit will not fill a stiff-necked, hard hearted person. We have to humble ourselves and you have to invite the Holy Spirit. He doesn't possess, He's welcomed in.

Holy Spirit, we just open our hearts and minds to you now, and we do ask, Lord that you would fill us with all knowledge, teaching us all things, giving us all direction, not by power, not by might, but by your Spirit, Lord. That's how. Not by might, not by power, but by your Spirit. And we ask you, Lord to fill us and give us direction, in Jesus name, and all who want that say, amen. (AUDIENCE – amen)

Did the Lord command us not to worry? (AUDIENCE – yes) Did He? (AUDIENCE – yes) Was it a command or a suggestion? (AUDIENCE – command) It was a command. And when He made the command in Matthew 6, He said it four times. The Bible is an economical text. It does not waste a single word. Every jot and tittle is there for a reason. Every dot, every period and comma and everything. It's there for a reason. When it says do not worry four times in a row that command, somebody say command (AUDIENCE – command), that's a big deal. Can we obey it? (AUDIENCE – yes) Can we obey it? (AUDIENCE – yes) Should we obey it? (AUDIENCE – yes) Do most Christians obey that command? (AUDIENCE – no) Bible believing, Jesus loving, faith-filled, word reading Christians, most of them do not obey that command. My goal here for you today, and I can already tell this is going to be a series. I realized it in the first service. This is going to be going several weeks. There's so much to talk about here, but the base is this: when you as a Christian begin to worry, alarms should go off. Not about what you're worrying about, but about the fact that you're not believing God; that you're full of worry. And don't come under condemnation when you feel worry. You stop and you pray and you give it to the Lord. Hannah jokingly loves to say, why pray when you can worry? It's funny. Why pray when you can worry? You stop and you pray and you give it to the Lord. We're going to work through this together.

Open your Bibles to Jeremiah. Bring your Bible to church, please. Open your Bibles to Jeremiah, chapter 17. Why do we bring our Bibles to church? So we can write in it. Jeremiah 17 verse 5.

“This is what the Lord says. Cursed is the one who trusts in man.” Now, that word trust there, that means to follow or to be led by. Obviously there's people you trust; you trust your family members, you trust your colleagues at work, but this means putting your total trust and obedience into something. And many of us, we've put our total trust and obedience into something other than the Lord. And there are a lot of good people that we're tempted to give our whole lives to, but this is a danger. You don't put your full trust in man. You love man, but you trust the Lord.

So “cursed is the one who trusts in man.” That means follows man. “Who draws strength from the flesh.” What does the New Testament say we're supposed to do to the flesh? What are we supposed to do to the flesh? What is it? You're supposed to crucify the flesh. You put it to death. Now, the flesh is.. it's what your body tells you you want, right? I'm hungry all the time. I'm sleepy all the time. I'm angry all the time. It's anger, it's lust, it's deceit, it's greed. You put it to death. You put it to death. You're not feelings led. Flesh is the feelings. The world tells you be led by your feelings. No, you'll be under a curse if you're led by your feelings.

So “cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wasteland.” He's talking about a tumbleweed. You know what a tumbleweed is, right? It's on the move, isn't it! It sure looks like it's going somewhere. Sure looks like it's got a lot of power and life. But, brother, let me tell you, that thing is dead, dead, dead. Are there people in the world today that are tumbleweeds? (AUDIENCE – yes) They're moving around, they're going everywhere, they look alive, but they're dead. Who is that person? It's the person who trusts in man, the strength of the flesh, and whose heart is turned from the Lord.

“That person will be like a bush in the wasteland. They will not see prosperity when it comes.” Notice prosperity is coming, but they won't what? They won't see it, even though it's right there in front of them. They'll be blinded to it.

"They'll dwell in parched places of the desert, in the salt land where no one lives." Classic Old Testament. Two sides of the ledger. We got the bad part first. Here's the cursed person. We know what it looks like, right? What does this place look like? If you're going to make a painting of this scripture so far, what would it look like? A desert. A lot of sand. Right? It's kind of hot. Everything's dead. Even the cactuses are wilting. Right? Everything is dead. It's drought. Right?

In that drought-ful, barren dead place. Some of you work at a place like that. Hopefully nobody on my team said that. "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." That's an homage to trust in the Lord with all your (AUDIENCE – heart) heart and lean not on your own understanding. That's a person who's led by the Holy Spirit. Okay? "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." Confidence is a Latin word for 'with faith.' "They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends its roots by the stream. It does not fear." Somebody say does not fear (AUDIENCE – does not fear) "when the heat comes" (AUDIENCE – when the heat comes). So it's hot all around. You're not afraid. Why? Because you're not a tumbleweed. You're the kind of tree that says "its leaves are always green. It has no worries." Somebody say, no worries (AUDIENCE – no worries) "in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Repeat after me. I will have no worries (AUDIENCE – I will have no worries) in a year of drought (AUDIENCE – in a year of drought). I will never fail (AUDIENCE – I will never fail) to bear fruit (AUDIENCE – to bear fruit) because I put my trust (AUDIENCE – because I put my trust) in the name of the Lord (AUDIENCE – in the name of the Lord). Amen (AUDIENCE – amen). That's a promise. No worries. And the tumbleweed says, but it's dry. And you say, I got my roots in something deeper. But it's drought. Not for me. The Bible doesn't say it's a drought for me. That might be a drought for you, not for me. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) We walk by faith.

If you want to stop worrying, you got to be led by the Holy Spirit. Now again, we're going to talk more about this. Not worrying is not just something you flip it off; well you can a little bit. You can't just turn it off like a light switch. It is something you have to train into your life. But today we are going to establish that the first principle to not worrying as a believer is to be full of the confidence that comes by being full of the Holy Spirit. It's a peace that passes understanding, the Scripture says. Meaning you can't logically explain it, but you know it's true. All right.

Should we want to stop worrying? Yes or no? (AUDIENCE – yes) Did the Lord command us to stop? Yes or no? (AUDIENCE – yes) Let me give you some reasons why you should hate worrying and get rid of it from your life at all cost, amen? If you're afraid of it, number one, if you're afraid of it, you're attracting it. If you're afraid of it, you're attracting it. It's the opposite of what you think. You think by worrying and being afraid, you're going to somehow prepare well for it. Wrong. Wrong. If you're worrying, you're attracting it into your life. You're looking for it. You're getting a vision for it. Your vision itself. Your eyes are becoming evil. You're looking for evil, you're inviting evil. You're looking for the bad, you're looking for the negative, and you're inviting it into your life. If you're afraid of it, you're attracting it.

If you are believing, though, if you're a believing person, that'll go away. Lord, forbid that we would say the words of Job: "the thing I feared most has come upon me."

I've said this before in a sermon, but it's worth repeating because it makes it clear. If I asked you all how many red cars did you see on your way to church today? Unless you watched the sermon the last time I said it, which I think was about a year ago, you wouldn't know. But if I said, I'll make you a deal. When you come to church next week, if you can name within two or three cars how many red cars you saw on your way to church, I'll give you \$100. That's not a real offer, by the way. That would be a lot. But if I made that offer to you, y'all would know. You would know the number. You would count it. You'd be looking for it.

Do you see how looking for red cars makes red cars available to you? Notice how in this scripture, it clearly says that prosperity is going to come to those who are not following to the Lord, but what? They're not going to see it. They're not going to see it. So following the Holy Spirit gives you eyes to see, but living by worrying gives you blinders. You can't see it. All you see is what is wicked and bad. The opportunity literally becomes invisible to you when you walk by fear. So we have to look for the thing. We have to look for the thing. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) We have to stop worrying.

I'll tell you what I've often worried about is that there are so many people watching us on YouTube and not hitting that subscribe button. Now is the time. See, I always have to find it. It's horrible, I know. So I'm going to stop worrying about it, and I'm just going to believe that that person who's watched my sermons but hasn't subscribed today is just going to take that second and hit it. (AUDIENCE MEMBER – amen) Amen?

Hey, look, worry leads to defeat, faith leads to victory. Worry leads to defeat, faith leads to victory. Goliath stands across the valley before the armies of Israel and begins to mock them, mock their king and mock their God using all sorts of profanity, and the Bible doesn't say that they got angry or they got mad or that they went to arms, it says "Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed." What's another word for dismayed? How about worried? Is Saul and all the Israelites being dismayed, is that improving their odds or worsening their odds to win the battle? (AUDIENCE – worsening) It's worsening it.

It's the same for you, my friend, until a young buck comes along and yells across the valley, "who is this uncircumcised Philistine?" You think the spirits changed when he said that? Nothing like emasculating some other guy on the other side. And in fact, did you know David, he draws five smooth stones, and the ancients teach us the reason he had five stones.. do you know why? Goliath had four brothers. He's got one stone for each of them. Isn't that cool? Got four brothers. One for Goliath and his four brothers. Five stones. That's faith.

Another great story. Sennacherib from Assyria is invading Israel or Judah, and he surrounded the city of Jerusalem. And in Hebrew, he commands his captains to start shouting discouraging things and fearful things over the wall. Sennacherib understands something, doesn't he. That worry does not help an army win a battle. Worry does not help you win a battle. He starts saying, you're going to die of hunger and thirst. You're going to die of hunger and thirst. You're going to die. And then Hezekiah says, do not be afraid. Unlike the wicked King Saul, he says, do not be afraid. There are more of us than there are of them.

Now, if you were standing there, you would say, but King Hezekiah, there's 5,000 of us and 180,000 of them. I think you need like a recount. But Hezekiah says, their army is flesh, but we have the armies of the Lord before us. Did that help or hurt their odds? Who here knows that helped them? And not only helped them, they got the victory; they won. Are you hearing, church? That worry kills your opportunity, your life, your faith, your everything, and walking by faith cures it all. Walking by faith makes you righteous. Walking by faith fixes it. Faith. Faith.

Here's the weirdest thing I'm going to say this morning, but it's 100% true: worry is demon food. Now, many modern Christians are uncomfortable talking about demons and unclean spirits, and it shouldn't be. They're all around us, doing stuff all the time. You cannot read the gospels without seeing Jesus rebuking or casting out an unclean spirit on almost every page. And in fact, almost all of the miracles that Jesus performs, the ones that seem to inspire people the most and awe people the most, that He seems to be the only one who can remove demons from people.

Demons are in the Old Testament, too, but there's not one account of a prophet or a man of God or woman of God casting out a demon in the Old Testament, but all the other miracles, pretty much, that Jesus performs are also performed in the Old Testament, including raising someone from the dead.

The only one that I can think of may be walking on water. Is there walking on water in the Old Testament? I don't think so.

But anyway, that's the one - casting out demons. Many of us, we have demons speaking to us, unclean spirits working in us. An unclean spirit is like a parasite that nags on you and wants you to go in a certain direction. And when you worry, you're feeding it, you're feeding the parasite. You're just going, here you go, little buddy. Here you go. Have another meal. I'm serious. And the way you kill that parasite is by cutting it off. You cut it off and you walk by faith. If you're afraid of it, you're attracting it. If you're afraid of it, you're feeding it.

Many people today, because of the cost of housing, I mean, it's a real problem, are saying, I can't afford my mortgage, I can't afford my rent. Many Christians are saying aloud, I can't afford my rent. Does the Bible say that? The Bible doesn't say you can't afford your rent. What does it say? It says you're going to pay your rent. If your rent is a need, God's going to provide the need. That's what we stand. Don't get on your own script. Walk by what the scripture says. Walk by faith.

Somebody says, how are you going to put shoes on the kids? How am I going to make my student loan payment? I'm not going to be able to make my payments. Somebody here say, the Bible doesn't say that (AUDIENCE – the Bible doesn't say that) you're going to make your payments. (AUDIENCE – amen) You're going to be fine.

And if you keep saying these negative, doubt-filled, worrisome things, you are attracting it into your life. Don't say you're going to get sick again. The Bible doesn't say that. It says by His stripes you're healed, you're going to stay healthy. Don't say I'm going to get trapped up in my old addiction or sin again. The Bible doesn't say that. It says He set you free and you're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Do you believe that? (AUDIENCE – yes) Thank you, Lord. I believe it, too.

And that's the good news, is that faith and fear are sort of two sides of the same coin. In the same way that fear attracts, who here knows believing attracts, as well. Faith attracts as well, attracts the good stuff. Gives you eyes to see. Amen?

Let's declare this together. Today (AUDIENCE – today) I choose (AUDIENCE – I choose) to stop worrying (AUDIENCE – to stop worrying). I am a walk by faith person (AUDIENCE – I am a walk by faith person). I'm a believing Christian (AUDIENCE – I'm a believing Christian) and nothing will change my mind (AUDIENCE – nothing will change my mind). Amen (AUDIENCE – amen).

The scriptures tell us that faith leads to righteousness. Righteousness means when you walk by faith, you become a good person. You become a genuinely good person. Here's a good question: if I worried less, would I sin less? I think the answer is yes. Can I tell you that some of the worst things I've said to people, the meanest things I've ever done, the dumbest things I've ever done, whether it be financially or in my relationships or for my health or whatever, have very often come from a place of stress and worry. Is that true for you, too? Now, there's some people in here who've never been stressed or worried. Just kidding, right?

And then you start to worry about the consequences of that. Here's a second question: if I sinned less, would I worry less? The answer is yes. See, that's also the gift of righteousness is I don't have to hide anything, I don't have to lie to anybody, I don't have to have skeletons in my closet. The scripture says the wicked flee even though nobody's chasing. Some of us remember feeling that way in college. No? Guess it was just me. Look, if you worry less, you sin less. If you sin less, you worry less. If you worry less, you sin less. See, the peace comes. You end that cycle by choosing today not to worry anymore. And so what we do is we get worried, we give it to the Lord. We say, Lord, here's some bills for you. Lord, you got some mail. Lord! There's some mail for you. Is that right? (AUDIENCE – yes) Does He want us to do that? (AUDIENCE – yes) He wants us to do that. Here's a couple of lies. Some of you have this in your heart.

I'm going to pluck it out of your heart now forever. Here's a lie: worry means I care. That's a lie. That is a lie. I care for all sorts of people. I don't worry. I don't worry. Same with you. You can care for someone and not worry about them.

I used to believe that worrisome people were responsible people. Somebody here is like, somebody's got to be responsible in my family. Did you know you can be a responsible person without worrying? I used to think that the best accountant I could find, and I've had many, is a worrisome accountant. I think if I get a very worried, I'm trying to look for another word than the one that's coming to my mind, but a very.. we'll just say worried; worried accountant, that they're going to be the best. And can I tell you, I just got now like maybe two years ago, an accountant who is the most relaxed, joyful, chilled out Christian guy named John. He's the best accountant I've ever had. Never misses anything, right? Always gets it right. Not worried at all.

Here's another lie: worrying means I'm helping. You're not helping. You're not helping. Okay? You're not helping whatever war you're worried about. I hate war, but the most you can probably do is vote once every two to four years with 350 million other Americans. I'm sorry. You're not really moving the needle. Okay, go and vote, whatever, but worrying does not fix a war. Worrying does not fix a problem in your city. Fixing the problem fixes the problem. Not worrying about it.

Worrying about my kids is not helping my kids. Worrying about your husband or worrying about your wife is not helping your husband or wife. Just ask them. Don't ask them. I will answer for them. It's not helping. And in fact, if I'm feeling worried, I don't need my wife to go, oh, my gosh, I'm worried, too. What are we going to do? Ahh! I need someone; I need my helper to give me some faith, to believe with me. And she needs that for me. And who knows I have that in Hannah Schuller.

That's what we need. Our customers don't need us worried, right? Our followers don't need us worried. They need faith people, believing people, people with vision, people with solutions. Not people who are frantic and worried. Not Chicken Littles. A fearful world needs fearless Christians. Church, I said a fearful world needs fearless Christians. The sick need fearless Christians full of faith. The poor need fearless Christians full of faith. The lost need fearless Christians who will go out and witness and share the gospel, who are full of faith. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) They need fearless people.

Here's another fun question: is your phone helping or hurting your peace? (AUDIENCE – hurting) It's hurting, isn't it? Now it doesn't have to. I actually think the phone is one of the best gifts the church has ever had. There's never been a more amazing time when you can listen to worship, you can listen to some of the best sermons that edify you, the best teachings on the Bible. You can see videos and pictures of Israel. And I commend you for doing that. And this is a gift that God has given us to bring sort of, we might say, balance to the force.

But that's not what's actually happening for a lot of believers. I saw this funny quote: "Some poor phoneless fool." This is from Duncan Trussell, "is probably sitting next to a waterfall somewhere, totally unaware of how angry and scared he's supposed to be."

I wanted to share a true story with you. Hannah showed me a TikTok video about a year ago, and it was of this guy, and it said 'what would happen if Christians read their Bible the same way they look at their phones?' And it was this guy, and it was a joke, right? It was this guy, and he's, like, driving, looking his Bible like this, right. He's at the DMV. He's, like, waiting for his name, right? And he's at like Shake Shack waiting for his food and he's reading his Bible.

Even though it was a joke, I looked at Hannah and I said, I'm doing that. I'm doing that. And can I tell you, I've been doing this for a year, and before I did this, I read the Bible every day, but now I read it at the gym, I read it at Shake Shack, I read it at the DMV, I read it in my meetings, I bring it into a restaurant when we go out with our friends. I just read it. I read it in the morning. I read it before bed.

I want you to know my life has changed. People who know me know I am a different man today than I was a year ago because of a decision to rely on the word of God.

This is what you need if you don't want to be worried anymore. Those who also know me know I am not a worried person. Not even a little and not about anything. I trust the Lord. Final thought. We're going to talk more about this in the coming weeks. Will you come back next week? We're going to talk about training our mind because this is a skill that we have to learn to have victory in life, but it starts with the Holy Spirit. You can't do it in your own power. This is not a message that will help the world. It will help them for a few weeks, and then they'll go back to their old ways. Not you. You're full of the Holy Spirit. It is only the Holy Spirit that can do this in a person, and the only way to receive the Holy Spirit is to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. You need to be full of the Spirit, and this will change you.

The early church Jews had an incredible temple. And as Jewish Christians, they would gather there at the beginning of the church. It was called by Encyclopedia Britannica the largest and most impressive religious sanctuary in the Roman Empire. That is Herod's temple in Jerusalem. And when it was destroyed, when it was destroyed, the Christians didn't know where they were going to worship.

And the apostle said, through the revelation of the Lord, we didn't lose our temple, we got an upgrade. We didn't lose our temple, we got an upgrade. And they said, because we are now the temple of the Holy Spirit. When we see in the story, when Jesus is crucified, that veil that covers the holy of holies, it was ripped in two. It was torn. Why? Because the Spirit of God left that building. Where is He now? Brother, He's in you. Sister, He is in you. He's in you.

I got this revelation from the Lord, and I say this with fear and trembling, but here's one way of looking at it: you are the holy of holies. This is the holy of holies right here. To the Jews, the holy of holies, the high priest had to wear a rope around his ankle that if he died under the power of God, they could drag him out. That's in you. Do you know how much incredible power there is inside of you? It's beneath you to worry. It's nothing to worry about. God's got it.

I was reading from the scripture in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14, and this is the dedication of the temple the first time from Solomon, but this is true for us today because we're the temple. It says, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land."

But it goes on. It says, "now my eyes" the eyes of the Lord. "Now my eyes will be open and my ears will be attentive to the prayers offered in this place." Here. "I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my name will be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there." Put your hand over your chest like this. This is where the Holy Spirit dwells. We're going to repeat this scripture. This is what the Lord says. Repeat after me. I have chosen (AUDIENCE – I have chosen) and consecrated (AUDIENCE – and consecrated) this temple (AUDIENCE – this temple) so that my name (AUDIENCE – so that my name) may be there (AUDIENCE – may be there) forever (AUDIENCE – forever). My eyes (AUDIENCE – my eyes) and my heart (AUDIENCE – and my heart) will always be there (AUDIENCE – will always be there). Lord, we thank you for that. In Jesus name we bless your name, God.

Would you stand with me? So you get worried. You invite the Holy Spirit to tell you what to do. You give it to the Lord. And next week we're going to talk more about this, but lift your hands with me. The Holy Spirit, we invite you into our hearts and into our minds, into our eyes, into our ears, into our hands and feet. From top to bottom, Lord, we are inviting you to wash away any worry or fear. We are believing people. We are faith people. We are trusting people. We trust in the Lord with all our heart. We don't walk by sight. We don't walk by what we see in the mail. We don't walk by the bad report.



We walk by faith, by what the Word says, and we believe it.

We trust even now and we proclaim every chain broken, every need met, every sickness healed, every enemy rebuked, every unclean spirit delivered. Every idea from heaven, we want to receive whatever you have for us, Lord. We're not going to be blind to your provision and opportunity. Lord, we just thank you and we love you, and it's in Jesus name we pray, all God's people said, (AUDIENCE – amen) Amen. Thank you Lord.

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Amen. 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.