

GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby Schuller

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hello. (AUDIENCE - good morning) We are about to worship and really I want to make sure that we understand how important worship is. We're not singing songs. We're not just having fun. This is not a rhythm. It is a sacrifice. We are bringing our bodies as living sacrifices as a community.

Look what Psalm 103 says. I recently was with a pastor friend of mine and I said, let's pray, let's bless the Lord. And he stops me and goes, we don't bless the Lord, the Lord blesses us. And I said, well, hold on. Psalm 103. Bless the Lord. Bless the Lord. Now that can also be translated as praise the Lord. Who here knows that when we praise God, it's a blessing to Him, right? I bless my daughter, I bless my daughter, but my daughter blesses me, right? Just because God blesses us doesn't mean we can't bless Him.

Here's what Psalm 103 says, and here's what the blessing does when we bless the Lord. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all my inmost being. Bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits." What are His benefits? He forgives all your sins. Who's grateful for that? He heals all your diseases. That's what it says. Who's grateful for that? He redeems your life from the pit. Anybody been redeemed from the pit? And He crowns you with love and compassion. He satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

Is there a benefit to blessing the Lord? To praising the Lord? Let's do it. Amen? Let's give all we have to the Lord today. Lift your hands with me.

Father, we come before you in Jesus name to bless the name of the Lord. There is none like you in all the earth. We recognize that this house is the house of the Lord. We recognize that the Holy Spirit is here. We come boldly before your throne to say thank you, God for all you've done and all you're doing. Lord, it's in Jesus name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

Turn around to someone and say "God loves you and so do I". Let's begin to worship.

PRAYER – Hannah Schuller

Lord, you are so, so good. Holy, holy, holy are you. The presence of the living God is here right now. He's in this place. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

I had something on my mind to do a group prayer today. And actually I felt like the Lord said, no, I want something else. Lord, what do you want? And He said, I want you to pray for chains to be broken today. And I'm like, okay, Lord, what kind of chains? And I felt like He said, lying chains. That believing a lie can keep you bound your entire life.

The Bible calls Satan the father of lies. It actually says that his native tongue is lying. And he's constantly throwing out lies to us. So today, Satan's greatest weapon against a Christian is to get you to believe a lie, because his lies keep you bound. But John 8:32 says, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." Yes! I love that you know that. Thank you, Lord.

Today, God's desire is blessings, financial blessings, healing, all these things for you. Everything about the Lord is good news. Okay? He desires this for us, but the enemy's lies can keep us bound.

I want to pray today, and I'm actually, in my life, I've realized that anytime the Lord shows me something, like this might be for me. He might reveal something I'm believing that's a lie. Or one time, the Lord revealed to me a place I had un-forgiveness in my heart. Anytime the Lord shows me something, I actually get excited now. I'm like, yes, thank you, Lord, because it's going to mean an upgrade for my life. It means more blessings coming. So I love. I'm like, okay, I'm just going to humble myself and then respond to this and I get an upgrade. So thank you, Lord.

I actually want to just pray for all of us because I think it's hard to know if you're believing a lie for me, too.

So I want to pray that those chains, if there's any lies that we're believing, that those will be broken today, right now, so that we can walk in the full abundance that God desires for us. Church, do you believe it's the truth that sets us free? (AUDIENCE – yes) Wonderful. And just like we were praying in the name of Jesus, remember, Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. We just spoke truth, Jesus. We just spoke Him all over this place. Okay? So would you bow your heads with me? Father God, great are you in all the earth. Thank you for sending Jesus and thank you it's the truth that sets us free. Holy Spirit, we ask that you would reveal to us right now any lies of the enemy that we may be believing.

I'm going to give us a little pause and just allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you if there's anything that He might reveal to you in this moment. Any lies that you might believe in that don't line up with the word of God.

Now in the name of Jesus Christ, we break every lying chain of Satan. We refuse to believe your lies anymore. Lies GO in the name of Jesus. Truth come now by the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord. Lying chains have broken open and we are right now the free and the redeemed of the living God. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus name, amen. Amen. Now you may have just felt like the Lord showed you something in that moment. You may be going along your way this week or maybe even a month from now and you get a revelation. You're like, oh my gosh, how have I been believing this? But rejoice whenever you hear that. Rejoice when it's made known to you. And then to refuse like, Lord, forgive me, I will never believe this lie again. I believe your truth. And let's be a church that commits to renewing our minds with the chain-breaking, powerful word of God continually. Amen? Thank you Lord.

SCRIPTURE – Acts 27:19-25 – Bruce Cramer

If you'll take your Bibles out and turn to Acts chapter 27. Acts chapter 27. This is Paul. He's actually incarcerated. He's on a boat sailing for Rome. He's been in a storm for three days. And some of you might be in the middle of a storm. And these words should bring encouragement to you. So Acts 27 starting in verse 19. Acts 27:19.

On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and he said, men, you should have taken my advice and not sailed from Crete. Then you would have spared yourselves the damage in this loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost. Only the ship will be destroyed.

Last night, an angel of God to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar. And God has graciously given you all the lives of all who sail with you.

And this is the point, I think, for all of us. So keep up your courage, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. This is the word of the Lord.

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "The Spirit-Filled Life"

The message I'm bringing today comes straight from the Holy Spirit. I wrote a sermon, a really good sermon on Wednesday and Thursday. I was going to teach you about the Noahide Laws and Cornelius, and why a Gentile spoke in tongues before he was baptized, and on Friday, just as I was about to do the slides and I was praying, the Lord spoke to me – I want you to write another sermon. I didn't know if that was from me, like just in my head, and didn't say what the sermon would be. I liked my sermon and so I pulled out a sheet of paper, and I just wrote down 'you need to make a big decision' and it just went from there. We're going to talk about that today. All right? Hopefully the Lord will let me preach on Cornelius next week, because it's already written then! But I believe this sermon is straight from the Holy Spirit. We talk about being led by the Holy Spirit.

Should I be led by the Holy Spirit when I preach? All right. This is a message from God to you. In life, there's many times we've got to make big decisions. And we feel an immense amount of pressure from people, from the circumstance itself, from the person that's affected by their decision; maybe you're making it in a team or with your family. And very often when we make this big decision, we're led in every way except by the Spirit. We're led by reason. We're led by evidence. We're led by experience. We're led by fear. We're led by pressure. We're led by desire. Are these good ways to be led if you're led by the Spirit? (AUDIENCE – no) No. Now that might be a surprise to many of you. Reason, experience, yes, those are secondary tools that God gives us. He gives us our mind and reason, but the number one way we want to make big decisions is to be Spirit led. Spirit led. Led by the Holy Spirit. I want to begin with a question that I said I would talk about today. I want to ask this: but did Jesus speak in tongues? Did Jesus pray in tongues? It's an interesting question, isn't it? We do not have any evidence of Jesus praying in tongues in the Bible. Maybe He did, but my theory is He did not pray in tongues because He didn't need to. Jesus was constantly led by His Father through the Holy Spirit. So the Father was doing the leading, the Father was doing the commanding, the Son was receiving the command through what? (AUDIENCE – the Holy Spirit) Through the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit. And everything He did, even going to the cross. You notice Jesus didn't want to go to the cross, right? If there's any other way, Lord, take this cup from me. Yet not my will but yours be done. The Holy Spirit led Jesus to the cross. The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead through the will of the Father. So this is the Trinitarian reality happening in real time.

The reason Jesus doesn't pray in tongues, and doesn't need to pray in tongues is because He prays prophetically. To pray prophetically means that what you're saying in English or whatever your native tongue is, if you're watching in another country, whatever you're saying in your mother tongue, is not from you, it's from God. And that can happen for every believer, whether or not you speak in tongues. Now some of us speak in tongues, some of us don't here. But the reason praying in tongues helps you get there, is because it helps you go from here to here. From praying from here to here.

By the way, music does that, too. Isn't music such a sweet gift? I mentioned this in our house church. I used to be frustrated how worship ministries would use music, for example, during an altar call. It felt manipulative. I don't believe that anymore. I think what the music does is it helps the person go from their head to their heart. If you need to be saved, God's not going to really speak to your head. He's going to speak to your heart. If you're thinking rationally – should I get saved, should I give my life to the Lord, and you're trying to reason it out, you're making a pro and con list, it's not a good way to do it. You make it here in your spirit, and then your mind comes in line. Your mind comes in line. Amen?

In the same way that tongues kind of makes us go from here to here, there is a way to do that prophetically. There's a way to do that prophetically, okay? And to be led by here. You all tracking with me so far? (AUDIENCE – yes) Who here, don't raise your hand, but who here needs to make a big decision? I'm making big decisions all the time as a leader, decisions that are going to affect people's lives. I got to pay people.

How do we make the decision? Scripture tells us, Zachariah, "Not by might, not by power, but" what? "By my Spirit. By my Spirit, says the Lord." Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) This is a great answer for just about any question that you are facing in life. How do you get the victory? Somebody say not by might. (AUDIENCE – not by might) Not by power, but how? (AUDIENCE – by my Spirit) By my Spirit. You need victory for your kids? You're in a legal battle? Your business is facing challenges? Not by might. Not by power. Not by convincing them. Not by pressuring. Not by reason, not by understanding, even. By my Spirit. The Holy Spirit's a gift, amen? The Holy Spirit is such a great gift.

He knows everything. The Lord knows literally everything. He knows everything.

Who else here knows everything? Not me. He knows everything. Should we hear from Him? (AUDIENCE – yes) Should we listen to Him? We should.

Let me just say something that's obvious, but rarely obeyed. Massive life decisions almost never have to be made on the spot. Almost never. But very often the person that's waiting for the answer wants you to make that decision now. You don't have to. You shouldn't, in fact. If there's any way to delay it, not so that you can delay it because you're afraid, but delay it so that you can hear. So that you can see. So that you can receive a word from God. So that you make the right decision and not the wrong decision. The person may want you to make a decision there, but you don't have to.

Imagine every time you faced a major decision in life and the person waiting for the answer is like now, now, I need to hear now, I need to hear now, and your answer was I care about you, if it's a friend or family, or I appreciate you, if it's a business thing, I appreciate you, but I just need a day or two. I'll get back to you, and if they ask you why, what's wrong with the deal, you say I don't know everything, but the Lord does and I need to hear from Him. And they say I've shown you everything. You can say no. You can't show me everything. Who can show you everything? The Lord! I'm telling you, a life led by the Holy Spirit is a victorious life. A life that makes decisions in a hurry, especially big decisions, is not a victory life. It's a chaos life.

Declare with me: I need to hear from God! (AUDIENCE – I need to hear from God) Come on, church. I am Spirit led! (AUDIENCE – I am Spirit led) Not pressure led (AUDIENCE – not pressure led.) Not people led (AUDIENCE – not people led). Not need led (AUDIENCE – not need led). Not desire led (AUDIENCE – not desire led). I am Spirit led! (AUDIENCE – I am Spirit led) Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) These declarations that we say are important. (AUDIENCE – yes) We do this as a discipline in our sermons because when you say it aloud by faith, it changes things. If you have the faith of a mustard seed, you would SAY! If you had the faith of a mustard seed, you would SAY. You would SAY. Let the redeemed of the Lord (AUDIENCE – say) say so. Say so. Okay, amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

Here's a great example of delaying a key decision. Jesus did it often. Woman caught in adultery and brought by a bunch of bullies, Pharisees and religious legalists, pastors, brought to Jesus and says rabbi, the Bible says this woman should be stoned to death. What do you say? Now do you see that false dichotomy there? Kill her or break the Bible. Which one? Kill her or break the Bible?

Now let me just interrupt here by saying a couple things. The guy's not there. He's supposed to be killed, too. And number two, that even though the Bible says that, there's an oral tradition that goes with the Torah. We don't have one example ever in history where a man or a woman were stoned to death for adultery. That doesn't mean it didn't happen, but typically what that meant was there was a financial price to be paid. It's true of all of the eye for eye Middle Eastern laws. You pluck somebody's eye out, they can pluck your son's out. Or, you can agree on a financial settlement, this is kind of the foundations for a lot of modern law. Either I get to pluck your son's out, or we're going to agree on something else; a payment.

What should we do? Should we kill the lady or let her live and break the law? Which one, Jesus? And what does Jesus say, do you remember? What does He say? He doesn't say anything! All this pressure, all this pressure. What does He do? He gets down on the floor and starts writing things in the dust. Now we don't know what He's writing in the dust. The book of Jeremiah says that the Lord is going to write the names of those who are doomed for destruction, something like that. Write their name in the dust. There's definitely an homage to God the Father writing the law on stone tablets with His finger. Some say He's writing down their sins. Some say He's just writing down the law so they can see the other commandments that they've broken. We don't know, but what we know is while He's writing, they're saying, answer us, answer us. Lots of pressure.

We need an answer from you. What do we do? This kind of thing. Nothing, right? He doesn't need to answer their questions.

He's presented with two options - kill her or don't kill her, right? But guess what? There's a third option. Somebody say there's a third option. (AUDIENCE – there's a third option) I don't know it. You don't know it. Who knows it? (AUDIENCE – the Lord) The Lord, the Holy Spirit. Shall we hear from Him?

Here's what the Holy Spirit told Jesus to say. The Father's command through the Spirit. This is what He says. Whoever of you has never sinned, throw the first stone, right? Go for it. But go ahead, kill her, but let it be the person who's never sinned. And they're all friends, right? So they're looking at each other going, oh, you better not. I know you, Joe. Oh, you better not. And you remember what it says, from the oldest to the youngest. Isn't it interesting, it's always the young that want to kill the woman? There's some kind of idealism that happens when we're young. Anyway.

And so there's a third Spirit-led option. There's a third Spirit-led option almost always to all of the questions. We got to listen to the Holy Spirit. He's got a much better response than whatever I'm going to cook up in real time. I need to slow it down. I need to listen. I need to not be here. Where do I need to be? Here, in my Spirit man. The Spirit man needs to lead the way. The Spirit man. He has got a connection. When we got saved, the mind, the body did not get saved. The Spirit did. The mind and the body have to be renewed now, according to what the Spirit says. New Spirit, old mind, right? Okay. All right.

Here's the lesson - you almost never have two options. There's almost never just two options. And when all you see is two options that should be a big glaring red light to pray and seek the face of the Lord. In reason this is called a false dichotomy, usually. Yes or no! Are you for or against mayor so and so? Well, neither. What do you mean? You're either for or you're against? Let me just pray for a minute. Let me just think. Hold on.

Buy or don't buy? In or out, for or against? Red light. Just red light every time you hear that. Seek the Lord. He's usually got a third option. Is that third option going to be better for you? Yes or no? (AUDIENCE – yes) I just did it to you. All right, so people, even good people, will pressure you to make a decision right now. You make a decision now. Now! You don't have to cave to that. Making a decision now is not polite or loving. It's foolish.

We need to be Spirit led. The Holy Spirit is never in a hurry, does not respond to pressure. He responds to inquiry and humility.

When you pray, don't be understanding-led. Don't be experience-led, don't be reason-led. Trust in the Lord with all your (AUDIENCE – heart) heart and lean not on what? (AUDIENCE – your own understanding) Amen.

Let me just pause here and say, no pressure, but would you please consider subscribing if you're watching on YouTube. You don't have to make a decision now. You can go and pray about it. But we're going to hit a million by the end of this year. We're almost to half a million. Get us there. Help us get there. We want to do it. All right.

We don't want to be led as we're going through life. Here's what it looks like very often when we are understanding-led and not Spirit-led. So this is another problem. It's very often you'll say, give me a day or two, and then you'll go to pray about it, but you're not really praying about it, you're thinking about it. You're not listening through your spirit, you're thinking. That's not the right thing, either. Trust in the Lord with all your (AUDIENCE – heart) heart. Lean not on what: your own understanding.

This is what it looks like: I got huge decision to make. He gave me three days. He gave me three days, this very quick prayer: Father, pray, help me God, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, right? And then, okay, nothing. No, no, no. And what happens is we go through, like, it's like a file cabinet. Like, you're going through all the possibilities and you're drilling through all the things and how can I make it work or not work? I'm going to make a pro and con list. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, and this kind of thing. Days and days you go over and over, over and over.

If you go through the same file cabinet over and over and the same reasoning over and over, and you still don't come up with a clear answer, maybe it's not there. Where is it? Here!

Turn on some worship music. Bring it to the Lord. If you pray in tongues, pray in tongues. If you don't pray in tongues, pray prophetically, or pray from deep groaning's, as the Roman says. Get here. And as you're praying, it'll probably come to you when you're not even thinking about it, and like a light bulb, boom, I got the answer. Thank you, Lord. And then your understanding will go, wow, I never thought of that. I could have stayed up all night and never thought of that. Anybody tracking with me so far? (AUDIENCE – yes) So don't be understanding-led. Don't be pros and cons list-led. Be Spirit-led.

Don't be signs-led. A lot of times we want to like Lord, should I do X, Y, and Z? If so, I need to see three bananas in the next eight hours. I saw the number 18 18 times. I don't know what that means, but I know it's a sign. Should we do that? (AUDIENCE – no) Where does the scripture say to do that? It does not say to do that.

Now there's one example where Gideon puts out a fleece twice, but this is his lack of faith and his lack of being able to hear from the Lord. Christians are not really supposed to do the fleece thing. We don't need to do the fleece thing. Gideon is an Old Testament guy. He's not hearing from the Spirit. The only people in the Old Testament who can hear from the Spirit are the prophets, right? So they hear from the Holy Spirit. And people have to go to them to hear. Do you have to do that? (AUDIENCE – no) No! You got a straight line. Imagine my daughter was like, hey, dad, do you want to go get some ice cream tonight? And I said, I'll call you later and let you know. And she said to me, no, no, no, put three bananas sideways, vertical, and diagonal, and then I'll know. And I'm like.. I would probably still do that. That'd be hilarious and fun, but in reality, it would be dumb. I would just tell her.

And the reason we look for signs is because we don't have faith. We don't believe we can hear from God. Now, part of that is your own declaration you said aloud too many times: I can't hear from God. I've never heard from God. The Bible didn't say that. The Bible said you can hear from God. You start saying that aloud, and it will happen. You'll begin to hear from God. You got to give the Lord time.

Brother Hagan told a story about a guy who had to make a big investment, and so he did this fleece thing. He lost everything. Can the devil give you a fleece? Yes, but he can't sound like the Holy Spirit. Now that same story, Hannah told me this story, so I'm telling it second hand, but there's a different guy who was led by the Holy Spirit to sell everything and go into ministry. Now, that may not be your calling, but that was his calling. So he did that, and as he had this cash, he invested it and every time he received an investment, or every time he received an investment opportunity, he would take at least a day, sometimes three days, to hear from the Lord about it. And if somebody said, you need to invest now. It's now or never. He'd be like, then it's never. We don't respond. I said, we don't respond to pressure. We are led by the Holy Spirit. He doesn't respond to pressure. We don't respond to pressure. That's not what we do. We hear from God. Amen? You can hear from the Lord. He wants to talk to you. Just give Him some time.

Now is no. Somebody say, now is no. (AUDIENCE – now is no) Okay. Declare with me: The Lord is my Father (AUDIENCE – the Lord is my Father). Come on, church. He loves me (AUDIENCE – He loves me). He does not want me to stumble (AUDIENCE – He does not want me to stumble). He speaks to me (AUDIENCE – He speaks to me) and I hear (AUDIENCE – and I hear). Hallelujah! (AUDIENCE – hallelujah!) Amen! (AUDIENCE – amen). Amen.

The main way, if you've still never heard from the Lord, you just want some practical.. the main way that the Lord speaks to us is in our conscience, in our heart. The Lord speaks to our heart, our Spirit. If you're a beginner in hearing from the Lord, it's usually red light/green light, just to be honest with you. That's how we start.

And then you begin to discern what that means. But the Holy Spirit speaks to your conscience. Listen to your conscience, right? Like Jiminy Cricket, always let your conscience be your guide. Right? You want to listen. Listen to the Lord.

Final thought. The Holy Spirit, and this is so weird. The Holy Spirit will often say, go, and then no. Go, and then no. We love to interpret the Holy Spirit's go. Go, okay, oh, I know what that means, and you go, and He's like, no, it doesn't mean that. Go meant go.

Let me give you some examples. In the Bible, the Lord says to the prophet Samuel, how long will you mourn that Saul is not the anointed? Fill your horn with oil, go to the house of Jesse. One of his sons I have picked. Notice, He says, one of his sons. He doesn't say who it is. So the prophet goes to Bethlehem, to the house of Jesse, he sees the eldest son, so he sees the oldest son, Eliab, and what does he say? Surely this is the Lord's anointed. Good looking, tall, handsome, bold, confident, intelligent. That is our next king. And what does the Lord say? No. But notice how Samuel checks with the Lord, right? He thinks that's the one. He thinks for sure that's the one, but he doesn't say anything. He just says to himself, surely this is the Lord's anointed, but then he checks with the Lord, and what does the Lord say? No. Notice its go and then what? No.

And then the next son. No. And the next son. No, no, no. Seven sons in a row. So it's go and then no, no, no, no, no. And they're out of sons. And notice he's not like, I must have missed it, we're out of sons. And he says to them, do you have no other sons? Is this it? And they all kind of look each other awkwardly. Somebody's picking their nose. Someone says, well, there's a curly red headed guitar playing teenager out in the field, and Samuel says, we are not going to eat until I see him. Notice its go and then no.

Same thing with Paul. Go into all the world, preach the gospel. Should I go to Asia? No. They go to Asia later. Asia means modern day Turkey, Asia Minor. But Turkey or Asia wasn't ready for the gospel. So notice if they had been only obedient to the scriptures, but not led by the Spirit, they would have gone where they're not supposed to go and they would have had no power. Do we need to be Spirit-led, church? (AUDIENCE – yes we do) Sometimes God will say go and then no. Go and then no.

In our own lives. My life is a story of go/no. Just go and no constantly. Just God saying, trust me, believe. I remember I received a calling to go work on a television show when I was 18 in Germany, and we prayed about it and the Lord said, go. So I went, and I thought, this is my thing. I'm going to do this, I'm going to be a.. and the answer was no. I was bad at it. I got nervous every time I tried to get in front of the camera and it was just bad, and it was a failure. The camera crew didn't want to work with me anymore because I did like 15/20 takes just to open a thing. My friend, it was bad. And I was supposed to be there for six months and the first three months were hell. I mean, just bad, bad, embarrassed, failing. That's a no. That's a big no.

But then I started to get pretty good. By the end I was decent at it. Decent at talking to a camera. I'll tell you, talking to a camera.. talking to a camera is hard. It's hard. And you think its fine and then you get up there and then you're talking to a thing that looks like a giant eyeball and is not responding or smiling or laughing at any of your jokes. It's hard. What did I learn there? I learned how to talk to a camera, but it still felt like a no at the time. Hannah and I, when we went to the Crystal Cathedral, my dad was called to be the pastor there. We were like, we're going to bring young people. We're going to do this whole thing. And then that whole thing fell apart, and it was a big old no. But were we supposed to go there, Hannah? Absolutely. Looking back, we see it now, but at the time, it was a no. And we go, okay, we're plant a church. Go. So we went to plant the church, and then this is what we're going to do. We're going to do a church. And then it was like, no. There was a TV show I did called the Messengers with TLC. That's the true thing. What year was that, twenty.. 2007? It was TLC's biggest TV show, and it was all about finding America's next great inspirational speaker. I was a judge. Don't ask. It's a long story. But they paid me good. They paid me real good. And I was like, oh, buddy, this is it.

And we prayed about it and we did it and felt like, oh, but no.

Then comes Hour of Power, and we got a big old green light go, and yes. So here we've been for 14 years. But all of those stories I just told you of go, no, go, no, was me learning to talk to a camera, learning to lead a church, learning to deal with the dynamics of a board, of reaching people, of what it takes. I needed that toolkit to do this. And the first day I preached on the Hour of Power, and I looked right into a camera at a Crystal cathedral full of 3,000 people, full of all sorts of emotions, positive and negative, it was no problem. Somebody say, go, no. (AUDIENCE – go, no) Just because you get a go and you do it and you're obedient and then you get a no doesn't mean it's not the Lord, and it takes time and it takes trusting to understand that God is not on our timetable, but His timetable leads to victory, it leads to healing, leads to overcoming.

You can trust the Lord. He's your friend. He's your father. We need to be Spirit-led. Even this sermon is a go, no sermon! Go write a sermon. Okay. Da, da, da, da, da. No! I'm like, oh. Do you think this sermon is Spirit-led? (AUDIENCE – yes) So do I. So do I.

This is the thing. God is just never, never, never in a hurry. He's not. If you want to walk with Jesus, you got to walk. I said, if you got to walk with Jesus, you need to walk at a walking pace. You walk with Jesus. He's just not in a hurry. He doesn't respond to pressure. He doesn't respond to begging. Doesn't even respond to need. He responds to faith, and He responds to us listening. Amen?

See, Satan pressures. Demons pressure, demons invade, interrupt, insist on their own way. That's not the way of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's like a dove. He lands on your shoulder. Amen? And the same way you try to get a dove to land on your shoulder is the same way you hear from the Holy Spirit. You meekly open your heart and offer your life to the Lord and say, Father, I am your servant. If you want to speak to me, I am listening. Amen?

God is just never in a hurry. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is (AUDIENCE – freedom) freedom. But notice it's what? Where. Where the Spirit of the Lord is. If you're in a hurry, you're probably not where. You're ahead. And if you're afraid, you're behind. You just be where. Not beware, but be where. Be where. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

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Lift your hands with me like this. Let's just say this together. Repeat after me. I am a friend of God (AUDIENCE – I am a friend of God). The court of heaven says not guilty (AUDIENCE – the court of heaven says not guilty). I am a child of the most high (AUDIENCE – I am a child of the most high) and He's a good Father (AUDIENCE – and He's a good Father). He talks to me (AUDIENCE – He talks to me). He leads me (AUDIENCE – He leads me). He protects me (AUDIENCE – He protects me). He clears the road for me (AUDIENCE – He clears the road for me). He holds my hand (AUDIENCE – He holds my hand) and He gives me all that I need (AUDIENCE – and He gives me all that I need) to have victory (AUDIENCE – to have victory). Father (AUDIENCE – Father), we're listening (AUDIENCE – we're listening). You make the decision (AUDIENCE – you make the decision). You show us the way (AUDIENCE – you show us the way). Your will, Father (AUDIENCE – your will, Father), in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus name), amen (AUDIENCE – amen).