

### **GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby Schuller**

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome. Y'all ready to worship? Man, the Lord gave me a revelation last week and I shared it in my sermon, but it excites me every time I say it, and that is that praise embarrasses the enemy. Isn't that great news? It embarrasses Him because He knows it's true. When we talk about God's victory over our sin, over our tough times, God's victory over our sickness, the enemy knows it's true.

Actually, I know in my own heart there have been times where I've felt embarrassed during worship and I don't know why. How many of you know that's the enemy? That's the enemy. And if I'm feeling embarrassed, I can leave and the enemy will go with me, or I can stay and the enemy will go without me. Is that right? (AUDIENCE- that's right)

Y'all ready to worship today? We're going to bring our best before the Lord. It doesn't take a lot. In Judaism, it's ten people, a minion. Takes ten faith-filled, Holy Spirit-filled people. Are there ten people here that are ready to pour out their hearts to God? (AUDIENCE – yes) There are. I'm one of them. Are you one of them?

All right, let's lift our hands up to the Lord. Father, we come into your house, and we thank you that the Holy Spirit is here. Father, we want you to know we are ready. We are ready. Our hearts are ready. Our spirits are ready. Our souls are coming in line with your word. Our bodies are coming in line with your word. And we come here to lift up and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord over all, that every knee will bow, every tongue will confess, but we're not going to wait till the end, we're going to do it now. And we just confess that you are Lord of our life, that God has the victory. Hallelujah! And we thank you, Lord, it's in Jesus name we pray, all God's people said, (AUDIENCE – amen) amen.

Turn around and say "Hello" to someone next to you. Greet them in the name of the Lord.

### **SCRIPTURE – Joshua 1:5-9 - Tim McCalmont**

With that, we turn to scripture, a dynamic voice of scripture. And today, our text is taken from Joshua chapter 1, as Joshua receives his commission. Moses has died, and the Lord speaks to him as he's getting ready to cross the Jordan river to the promised land. Joshua 1 verse 5:

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will never leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this book of the law always on your lips. Meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. This is the word of the Lord.

### **MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "The Power of Declaration"**

If you have your Bibles, open with me to numbers Chapter 20. Now I know you have a Bible. I want to hear those pages flipping. Numbers chapter 20.

Today, if you struggle with fear, like so many do, if you feel crippled by fear today, you'll get the antidote. You ready? If you need to increase your faith. If you've ever wrestled with the question, I love being on fire for Jesus, and Pastor Bobby, I've been praying and I've been worshiping and I've been reading my Bible and I feel the fire waning. Why is that? I'm going to tell you why today. It's almost always the same thing, but you got to wait.

Today we're going to talk about the power of bold. Somebody say bold. (AUDIENCE – bold) Bold! My goal today is to not lose my voice. I have to preach in the second service, but it might happen. Bold, bold! Declarations. This is something I picked up in Israel. Jewish people in the Middle East are bold. They do not like the stoic Western academic approach to God.

It doesn't make sense to them, and it doesn't make sense to me anymore. Bold!  
So very often when I preach, I will say now declare with me x, y, z. Declare with me x, y, z.  
And I want to start by talking about that. Why do we make those declarations aloud together? Why do we do that? What did you say, Jen? (JENNY: Whatever you bind on earth is loosed in heaven). Whatever you bind.. that's good. Whatever you bind on earth, where is it loosed? In heaven. Think about what you're saying, if that's true. When you say something here, something in the spirit realm changes. Who knows that drives the enemy crazy, unless you're saying what you want him to say.

Remember what Jesus said: if you had the faith of a mustard seed, you would say. If you had the faith of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree. If you had the faith of a mustard seed, you would say to the mountain, amen? You would say, not feel, not just believe, not think real hard, you would say something.

If you have faith, listen, church, if you have faith and you don't say or you don't do, you have dead faith. Dead faith. James tells us faith without works is? (AUDIENCE – dead)  
How many of you know faith without works is dead. Faith without talking is dead. There are two kinds of faith. There's living faith and dead faith. Living faith. Dead faith. Dead faith is a type of faith that has all the right confessions, knows all the Bible verses, believes all the right things, affirms all the right doctrine, doesn't do anything; doesn't say anything. Dead faith. Living faith, it has all those things and it says something. It does something. Amen? That's what brings our faith to life, is the saying and the doing. Amen?

Jesus tells us, the master says, out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks. If your heart is full of faith, if it's full of life, if it's full of the Word of God, and you keep your mouth closed, what happens? It dies. That's right, Hannah, it dies. In Israel, they have an analogy for this. The Jordan River, which cuts right down the middle of the country in Israel, it begins in Caesarea Philippi. It's actually a beautiful place. You can go there. That's where Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. And right there, there's this big cave and a beautiful river that flows down. That's the mouth of the Jordan River. And as the Jordan River goes down, it hits the Sea of Galilee, which is in the north, where Jesus was doing most of His earthly ministry, and then it flows out of the Sea of Galilee. It continues to go all the way down through Israel, all the way to the south, to the Negev desert. Who knows where the Jordan River finishes? Anybody want to guess? It's the lowest point on Earth. It's the Dead Sea. And how many of you know it stops there? Most rivers flow into the ocean, eventually, but the Jordan River flows through Israel, through the Sea of Galilee, into the Dead Sea.

And what many rabbis and teachers of old have compared the Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee. Sea of Galilee has water going in, water coming out. Water going in, water coming out. And the Sea of Galilee is full of life, full of fish and birds, beautiful. Is the Dead Sea full of life, full of birds and full of fish? (AUDIENCE – no) Not a living thing. I don't know if this is 100% right, I believe the Dead Sea doesn't even have microscopic organisms. And if you ever swim in the Dead Sea, it's a lot of fun, but if you get a little bit in your eye, sometimes it can get under your nails, stinks. It's full of death. Now freshwater, not saltwater, flows into the Dead Sea. Hello. It's not salty water that flows into the Dead Sea, it's fresh water. I believe if water could flow into the Dead Sea and out of the Dead Sea, it wouldn't be the Dead Sea anymore.

How many of you know, a lot of us are taking a lot in and nothing's coming out. Forgive me of this horrible analogy. It's like we're eating, eating, eating, and we can never use the restroom. What happens to someone if they do that? How long can you go eating, eating, eating, and never using the restroom? What's meant to give you energy and life will kill you. Isn't that right? Or you could say it's like a person who's eating, eating, eating and never gets up out of their chair. It will kill them if they don't do. Amen? All right, if you want to do something, subscribe, please. We need more subscribers on YouTube. We want to get to a million. You can help us do it. Thank you.

Out of the overflow, the heart, the mouth speaks. That's why sometimes I can't believe it when Christians don't worship. What's in there? It needs to come out. And when it comes out, if you're full of life. Amen? Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah.

And so we need to declare the works of the Lord. We need to. If you're totally possessed by Jesus, totally under His care and His life, if you're full of His Spirit, you'll want, you'll want to declare the works of the Lord. What does the psalmist say? I will not die, but I shall live, and I shall declare the works of the Lord! Now if you don't declare the works of the Lord, are you still going to live? Declare the works of the Lord. We need a bold confession. We need a bold confession of our faith. Does the enemy want you to boldly confess your faith? No.

Numbers chapter 20. You're already there, right? Let me hear you flip. FLIP, FLIP, FLIP, FLIP, FLIP. Numbers, chapter 20. Do you ever wonder why when Moses.. well, let's read it. Numbers 20, verse seven.

Now before we read this, remember that something similar happened before where God tells Moses, y'all need water, go to this rock over here, hit it with your staff and water will come out. So Moses goes, he hits the rock, water comes out. Wonderful. Some time later now, we get to this passage and something similar happens, but it's not the same.

"The Lord said to Moses, take the staff and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together and" do what? (AUDIENCE – speak) Speak. "Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community, so that they and their livestock can drink. So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock, and Moses said to them, listen, you rebels, must we bring water out of this rock? And Moses raised his arm, and" did what "struck the rock twice." That means the first time he struck it, it didn't work, and that he had one more chance. One more chance.

He struck it twice with the staff and look that act of faith still worked. Water gushed out. Still a miracle. "And the community and their livestock drank. But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

After all that. Brother, if you have read the Torah, there is a lot going on in this story.

Moses has been through a lot. He's done a lot. He's been faithful to God. He's messed up severely. And this time this is the thing. This is the one thing where God says, enough, you are no longer leading my people because he hit the rock instead of speaking to the rock, instead of speaking to the rock, instead of speaking to the rock.

Is it important to speak to a rock? (AUDIENCE – yes) And the reason that God punished him for this is because God is drawing the Israelites out of Egypt. Egypt says, hit the rock. God says, speak to the rock. The world says violence. God says, talk. God says, Moses, look, you don't need to hit with your staff anymore. Command the rock to bring water forth. And imagine if he had done that. If he looked at a rock and said, "water" and the rock went BOOM and all this water came out, the Israelites would have learned something, wouldn't they?

And so what God is showing, and we see this revealed throughout the rest of the Old Testament, especially through the prophets, is that the power of the spoken word, the power of the spoken word, is an incredible power that can bring.. Moses is under the law. He's under anger. He hits the rock.

This is like many of us who love the Lord, who believe in miracles, but very often we're trying to manufacture a miracle. We're trying to manufacture a result. God is telling us, declare boldly the Word of God. You don't need to manufacture anything. Amen? So his punishment is he can't go on to the Promised Land.

And so who knows who is Moses' replacement? God replaces Moses with somebody, any Bible students? His name is Joshua, that's right. Joshua. Good. All right.

And who remembers the first battle that Joshua faces? Jericho. And who remembers how they defeated Jericho? (AUDIENCE – shouting) Is shouting something you do with your mouth? It's hard to shout with your mouth closed, isn't it?

Now, this is one of my favorite passages. Joshua, the new leader who trusts in the Lord with his words, arrives to Jericho, big walls, fortified city, dangerous soldiers. Where are the soldiers? On the wall. So we're about to find out that the thing they thought would protect them will destroy them. Up on the wall, scary place, and God says to Joshua, behold, I have delivered Jericho into your hand. The walls are still up. The soldiers on the walls are laughing. They've got their arrows. They're ready to slaughter. And it doesn't look like he's delivered.. hello! Doesn't look like he's delivered Jericho into his hand, and yet God says, He declares things that be not as though they were. God said, God saw. God said, God saw. Like in Genesis, God says something. He will see it happen. Behold, Joshua, I have delivered Jericho into your hand.

He tells him march around the city for six days, and on the seventh day y'all all shout, and the walls will come down. What does shout mean in Hebrew? It means shout! All right? It doesn't mean talk loudly. This is not a shout. Hey! That is not a shout. My son does that when Bubble Guppies comes on. There is a shout. There is a shout. And you know what shout is. I know what shout is. Most churches are unwilling to shout. Most churches. Not this church. Amen? Philip, get up here. You could play something on the piano. We're going to shout here in just a second.

Most churches are afraid to shout. Most Christians have no problem shouting for a ball moving ten yards, but they have a big problem shouting at the enemy. They need to be healed. They need their kids to get saved. They need their country to turn around. They won't shout. They need a victory. They need chains broken. They need addictions defeated. They won't shout. They got a demon oppressing them. They're depressed. They're anxious. They won't shout. They won't shout. They'll shout for a football, they won't shout at the enemy or for the Lord. They'll shout when they stub their toe. They won't shout for the Lord. They'll shout at their spouse. They'll shout at a car cutting them off. They won't shout at the enemy. Amen? Amen.

God wants us to shout. Shout to the Lord all the earth. All the earth. Shout to the Lord. What does shout mean? (AUDIENCE – shout) Shout means shout. That was close to a shout, but it wasn't a shout. What does shout mean? (AUDIENCE – shout!) That's a shout. That's good. Right?

Here's what Moses would say every time. Every time the ark would move, here's what Moses would say. We're going to say it together in just a minute. He would say this: "let God arise and His enemies be scattered." Every time the ark would move the throne of God, let God arise and His enemies be scattered. God's enemies are not people. We're talking about principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness. Amen?

Let's shout this together, ready? Let's say it: Let God arise and His enemies be scattered! Again. Let God arise! Come on, church, and His enemies be scattered! Let God arise and His enemies be scattered! Amen.

One more time: who believes God fights for you? Will God win? Yes! Okay, say this with me: God fights for me, and God will win. Let's say this together: God fights for me and God will win! Again. God fights for me, God will win! Again. God fights for me! God will win! Give a shout of praise to the Lord! We thank you, Lord. Thank you that Jericho is coming down in Jesus' name. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) This is what the church needs, amen? A shout. Thank you, Phil. I appreciate you. We need music sometimes because the soul gets in the way.

It is important when we declare, we need to get more of a Biblical Christian in our heart, a Jewish style, shouting. I once heard a rabbi say, Jews are like everybody else, just more so. All right. Your victory is in your bold confession of faith. Bold. Bold. Satan is bold. Jesus was bolder. What are we?

If you have your Bibles, turn to Joshua, chapter one. I'm just going to go for another ten/fifteen minutes. Is this okay to go from teaching to praising back and forth? Okay, Joshua chapter one. This is one of my favorite Bible verses if you're looking to memorize one. I learned a long time ago not to quote a scripture when you're preaching because there's something about environment, you always forget it or get it wrong.

Joshua says, this is God talking to Joshua and his calling. Now hear this as is for you. "No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses so I will be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you." Now God said that to Joshua. Can we take that for ourselves? Can we? Can we read this for ourselves? Here's why we can read this for ourselves. Now, if you don't hear anything else I say, you've got to hear this on the inside: I am identical to Jesus. On the inside you are identical to Jesus.

I appreciate when David Diga Hernandez was preaching for us. He took some time to talk about in the first service, but not the second, about the spirit, the soul and the body. A lot of us don't know the difference. The spirit is the eternal you. That's you. That's the part of you that was made new. The soul is the will, the mind and the emotions. It's your personality. Okay? So the soul is not saved when we get saved. The spirit is. The soul has to be renewed and come in line with the spirit. Okay? So again, the soul, it says, I think, I feel, I want, I will. The soul has to be renewed, especially the mind. Amen?

The spirit, though, is identical to Jesus and your bold confession of faith in Christ as Lord. The old dead spirit that was inside of you that was sinful, that was a child of Satan, has been made into a new creation where it's identical to Jesus, and that part of you is being held back by your soul. That's why the learning of the scripture.. so the soul is holding back the spirit. The spirit wants to.. it's like a nuclear isotope inside a factory. It's small, but it has all this power and energy, and it can heal your body. This is the part that God talks to when He talks to us. He talks to our spirit. This is when we're led or when we see things in the spirit, it's the spirit man, spirit woman that's identical to Christ that sees it.

What's happening is the spirit wants to come out but the soul is in the way; that is the mind, the emotions. This is why music is so important. Music helps the soul soften up to allow the spirit to come out.

It's important that we understand that these promises that are given to someone like Joshua, if God will give it to Joshua.. the father would give it to Joshua, He would give it to Jesus. Is that right? If I'm identical to Jesus on the inside, the scripture says that. He who knew no sin became sin, that I would be what? The righteousness of God.

That spirit is inside of us. All we're really trying to teach you to do is get the spirit, the new woman or man inside of you, to transform your soul and your body. It's real spiritual power. Amen? I hope that makes sense. I probably should come back to that and teach on that some more later. Is that okay? Not today, but it's important.

In fact, let's just declare this together: no weapon formed against me (AUDIENCE – no weapon formed against me) shall prosper (AUDIENCE – shall prosper). Say the enemy cannot stand against me (AUDIENCE – the enemy cannot stand against me). The Lord is right by my side (AUDIENCE – the Lord is right by my side). Amen. Where were we? Oh, yes. Joshua one. Okay.

"Be strong and courageous, because you'll lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you. Don't turn from it to the right or to the left that you may be.." somebody say, successful (AUDIENCE – successful). What a promise. "Successful wherever you go. Keep this the book of the law always on your (AUDIENCE – lips) your lips." Okay? Keep this book of the law always on your lips.

I don't know if believers have the Word on their lips. It's in their heart. It's in their mind. It's not on their lips. It's not in their mouth. Amen? "Meditate on it day and night." By the way, that word meditate is the Hebrew word "hagah." It means to say something over and over and over. Not to think on it. To say it. Hagah.

It's what the Jews are doing at the Western Wall. This is the meditate. This is what they're doing. Okay.

"So that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be.." he says it again, "prosperous." Anybody want to be prosperous? You'll be successful. And then he says, "have I not commanded you?" Commanded me what? "To be strong, courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged." How many of you know God is commanding us not to be discouraged. If God has commanded us not to be discouraged, that is a command we can obey. If God has commanded us not to be discouraged, to not be in the pit, that is a command that we can obey. And we obey it by keeping the word on our lips through the bold declaration. Not by trying real hard, not by beating ourselves up. He gave us the pattern. Keep this book of the law. Keep this book always on your (AUDIENCE – lips) lips. Amen?

Do most Christians keep the book of the law on their lips? No. We got to talk about the Lord more. Just in general. We just got to talk about Him more.

Anybody ever seen a teenager fall in love? It's gross. Teenager falls in love and he's like, at the dinner table, and we're talking about something else, and what does he say? He's like, wow, Chloe. Have I told you all about Chloe? Like, yes, you've told us about Chloe. How many of you are in love with the Lord? Oh, Chloe, oh I can't.. oh, sorry, sorry, I won't talk about Chloe anymore. What were we talking about? Yes, we can talk about football, sure. I feel like I'm really hitting on football today. We need something else. We could talk about Disneyland, sure, but Chloe. I remember when I went to Disneyland with her.

Or the gal - Aiden, he's so cute, nice. Sorry, sorry, I won't talk about Aiden anymore. I would love to see some Christians that are like, sorry, sorry, I'll stop talking about the Lord. Dinner table you're like oh, sorry, sorry. I know, we can talk about family photos. I'm sorry, we can talk about the budget. I'm sorry, we can order. I'm sorry. A lot of Christians are exhausted and I think that's because they're in the Dead Sea.

Imagine my wife Hannah was at a party, and she went to a party without me, which is fine, and she looks pretty, she's got a beautiful dress, got all ready; she went with her friends. And a bunch of good looking guys come up to her, and I decide, you know what, I'm just going to pop into the party. And while she's there, all these good looking guys are talking to her, and they're flirting with her, and I see her do kind of like this; maybe cover up her ring. This is not something that happened, by the way. I'm just saying imagine. Cover up her ring and kind of playing with her hair. And they're flirting with her and flirting with her. And then I came up and I saw her being flirty with all these good looking guys, how would I feel?

I think what's happening is a lot of believers, when they're around colleagues from work, or unsaved friends, we do a lot of this kind of thing. A lot of this kind of thing. The Lord can see your heart. The Lord can see your heart. They're not like the teenage girl that's like Chloe, Chloe, Chloe, Aiden, Aiden, Aiden, oh, sorry, sorry. No. They're like this with the world. Hannah would never do that, by the way. Here's what Hannah would do. She'd feel uncomfortable. She'd be nice. She'd be like going like this. And the second I saw her, she would come up to me and throw her arms around my neck and give me a kiss on the cheek.

See the Lord wants that from us. Doesn't He want that from us? It's exemplified in our speech the most. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Amen? I am not ashamed. If you acknowledge me before men, I will acknowledge you before my Father in heaven. If you do not acknowledge me before men, I will not acknowledge you before my Father in heaven. Amen?

And so a lot of people say, I remember the season where I was so on fire for God, and all of my prayers are getting answered, and I was just in the Word every day and worshiping, and now I'm still in the Word every day, I worship all the time, I pray all the time, but I can feel the fire of God waning in me. Talk about the Lord more.

I promise you, this has been my prayer many times, and if you're a pastor, sermons don't count. Talk about the Lord around other people.

And not like in a.. what's the word I'm looking for? Not in a pearls before swine kind of beat them over the head way, but just if you're a believer, tell somebody. If the Lord saved you, tell somebody. Who here knows that the world needs some saving? You have the answer. And don't be ashamed of the gospel. Don't be ashamed of what the Lord's done for you. And if you talk about the Lord more around your colleagues at work in a loving way, you are going to see that fire stir up inside of you. That's a Bobby Schuller promise. That's what's missing. Amen?

All right. I've run out of time. I don't think we're going to talk about Hezekiah today. Is that okay? We'll come back to it later.

One more thought. Joshua 24. Joshua is about to go into battle on the Promised Land and he says to the people.. they're at Shechem. Shechem is where God first appeared to Abraham. He told this old man with a barren wife who was in her 60's you're going to have so many children that they're going to outnumber the sands of the seashore and the stars in the sky. And Abraham believed God, and that justified him. That made him righteous. And now, all these years later, at Shechem, there's two million of that man and that woman's great, great, great, great grandchildren. Hallelujah. And Joshua, one of his great, great, great, great grandsons, says at Shechem, 'just as our father Abraham left the gods of his father, we need to leave the gods of our father. I know,' and this is the utterance of the Lord speaking through them, 'I know that some of you want to have both your little idols that you keep in your bag, and worship Yahweh. You want to worship the gods of your father in private and worship Yahweh at the same time. No more, no more.' No more. Is this a word for America? No more. No more. And then he famously says, as for me, is this a declaration? "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We will serve the Lord. Joshua's house, we're going to serve the Lord. There will be no idols amongst us. Amen? Amen. He makes a declaration with his lips.

All right, stand with me. Is it important what we say? Is it important we're not ashamed of the gospel of Christ? Amen. It is. Amen.

All right, lift your hands with me. Repeat after me: as for me and my house (AUDIENCE – as for me and my house), we will serve the Lord (AUDIENCE – we will serve the Lord). God fights for me (AUDIENCE – God fights for me) and God will win (AUDIENCE – and God will win). We trust in the name of the Lord (AUDIENCE – we trust in the name of the Lord). Thank you, Father (AUDIENCE – thank you, Father) in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus name) amen (AUDIENCE – amen).

Father, I just pray a special blessing over every broken-hearted person in this room. And I pray that the spirit, under your power of your Holy Spirit, would come to life. I command any spirit of sorrow to depart in Jesus name. Any spirit of poverty, depart in Jesus name. Any spirit of vanity and pride, you depart in Jesus name. The spirit of too much, of gluttony, of overdoing it, and of lust, you go in Jesus name.

Father, we just acknowledge you that you're the King of our hearts. We took communion today, and we know the great wonder-working power of a Eucharist inside of us. We thank you that it's working now like medicine, and we put faith in it and we trust in it. Lord, we love you and we thank you, it's in Jesus name we pray, amen.

### **BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller**

I'm going to go ahead and just release everybody because we went late.

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.

Have a good Sunday. We love y'all.