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GOOD MORNING – Bobby Schuller (BS) and Hannah Schuller (HS)

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

HS: Welcome visitors and church family. It is such a joy to be with you. May God fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him. You are loved.

BS: Hey, let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much for your presence in our life. God, we're coming here, many of us, feeling worried about provision and finances. And I pray for everybody that has that worry on their heart, Lord, today you'd bring a good answer. We open our hearts today to receive a word from you. We know that a word from you can change everything, and it's in Jesus' name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

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

SCRIPTURE – Luke 12,22-31 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for the message, Luke 12:22: Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Amen.

INTERVIEW – Lee Strobel

Lee Strobel is a former investigative journalist who for many years professed atheism while searching for evidence of Jesus. Upon finding the answers he was looking for, he became a Christian and subsequently wrote the best-selling book, *The Case for Christ*. Since then, he has authored dozens more books and has also become a teaching pastor and professor who truly wants the world to know the Lord. His new book, *Is God Real: Exploring the Ultimate Question of Life*, helps answer some of the hardest questions from not only skeptics, but believers about God's existence.

HS: Lee, hi!

LS: Hi!

HS: Thank you so much for being here today.

LS: Oh, it's great to be with you.

HS: So wonderful to have you. My daughter, actually in her Bible class, they were required to study your *Case for Christ* book.

LS: Oh that's awesome..

HS: And your talent and your gift for investigative journalism has changed the world, it truly has.

LS: That's so cool. I think it's great that young people are looking into the evidence that supports our faith, because we live in a hostile culture, and they're going to get challenged in their faith like no other generation. So it's great to prepare them to know why we believe what we believe.

HS: Absolutely. And I think that's why they're having her study your book.

LS: Awesome.

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HS: So it's been a couple years since you've been with us, so tell us a little bit about what you've been up to.

LS: Well my publisher came to me and said we found out something startling. We found out that two hundred times a second around the clock someone on planet earth is typing into a search engine for the Internet, basically the question: is God real. And they said why don't you do a book addressing that question. It seems to be at the heart that a lot of people are wrestling with. So I wrote this new book called *Is God Real: Exploring the Ultimate Question of Life* because it really is the ultimate question that we wrestle with.

HS: Yes, wow. So why do you think it's important to tackle these tough questions about God through an investigative journalism scientific viewpoint?

LS: Yes, because I think the evidence of science and history and then the reasoning of philosophy points so powerfully and persuasively toward the truth of the Christian faith that it's important that those of us who are believers, first of all, understand that so we can share that with people who are skeptical. But also for the skeptics who will read this stuff and they'll go I never considered this; I never looked at cosmology or physics or biochemistry and the way that those point convincingly toward the truth of Christianity. So I think it's increasingly important. I was talking to a guy who said his six-year-old granddaughter went to a public school and she was being taunted by the other students on the playground at recess because she believed in God. 'Oh you believe in God? You believe in fairy tales!' This is what the next generation's going to face, so we got to prepare them to understand why we believe what we believe.

HS: Yes. I remember my daughter even at her first school she was in, somebody was taunting her for just believing there was one God. So I think it's so important, and it's so powerful because it is there. The evidence is there and so we have to be knowledgeable of it. So what is the most common question you hear in regards to the existence of God?

LS: People want to know, for instance, does science point toward God or away from God. And they think that science contradicts the idea of the supernatural and of God, when actually we've had a series of discoveries over the last fifty to eighty years in various areas of science that make science evermore persuasive in terms of supporting the Christian God.

So cosmology, the origin of the universe, now that all scientists believe the universe had a beginning, well, whatever begins to exist as a cause behind it, we all agree now the universe began to exist at some point in the past, therefore, there must be a cause that brought the universe into existence. Well what kind of a cause can bring a universe into existence? Must be powerful, must be smart, must be transcendent or separate from creation, must be eternal because it existed before time came into being, must be spirit or a non-material because it existed before the material world, and you just go through this list and you realize wait a minute – these are the attributes of the God of the Bible.

HS: I love that, and it's so true. People think oh are you for science or are you for God?

LS: Yes.

HS: And its interesting when you really dive in, it's not like that.

LS: It's not. It's not. Physics, a fine tuning of the universe. The universe is fine-tuned on a razor's edge so that life can exist. And you change any of these hundred dials that set the parameters of physics, and intelligent life is impossible anywhere in the universe. The odds against that happening by chance are so high scientists say there must be a purpose behind it; there must be a creator behind it. It's another example of how science points toward God.

HS: I think I've thought about that very thing. I don't know if you mentioned that last time, or if I heard it from a scientist that we interviewed, but I thought about that very thing so many times how everything was perfectly by the millionth, by the centimeter perfectly designed for where we are today.

LS: Well think of this – the force of gravity. We all know what the force of gravity is. Imagine a ruler that went across the entire universe: 13 billion light years. That represents the range along which the force of gravity could have been set anywhere along that ruler. But it's set at the exact right place so that life can exist. If you were to change the force of gravity, the setting, by one inch compared to 15 or 13 billion light years of width of the universe, intelligent life would be impossible.

HS: Wow.

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LS: I mean how do you explain that. It just doesn't happen by accident. I talked to one scientist and I said have they ruled out the idea that it could be a coincidence or by chance. And he said well we scientists have a term for that – ain't going to happen.

HS: Yes, I love that. And God is such an artist, and even such a masterful planner to be able to do that.

LS: Absolutely.

HS: Only God. Only God, right?

LS: Yes, yes, absolutely.

HS: So what encouragement do you have for those who feel they have a million difficult questions about God?

LS: I think it's great if you can sit down and discern what are the questions, and write them down because if you come with some kind of a generalized sense of doubt, that's hard to deal with. But if you can write down: here are my three questions, here are my five questions, and these days there are so many good books out there that can help. I wrote a book called The Case for Faith that deals with the top eight objections to Christianity. There are other books out there that will help you find answers. When I was an atheist and became a Christian through my research back many, many years ago, there wasn't a lot of stuff like that available on the market. But these days you can go to your local library, get them for free. There are books you can read, but I think the important first step is to say what are my exact questions that I'm dealing with. And I'm telling you, I stood up in front of thousands of people and taken the toughest questions and there are good answers that support our faith.

HS: Yes, don't be timid.

LS: Don't be timid.

HS: Any question.

LS: That's right. It's good that you're asking the questions because if you have doubts, deal with them.

HS: That's great. So Is God Real? Your book is available wherever books are sold. So Lee Strobel, thank you so much for sharing your story with us, and know that God loves you and so do we.

LS: Well thanks so much. God bless you.

HS: Bless you.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

No matter who you are, would you stand with us? We're going to say this creed together. Hold your hands like this as a way of receiving from the Lord. Let's say this together: I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what people say about me. I am the beloved of God. It's who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with my neighbor. Thanks you can be seated.

MESSAGE / PRAYER – Bobby Schuller – "The #1 Reason You're Not Fulfilled?"

Today we're going to talk about provision. Now provision is a fancy religious way of saying money. We're going to talk about money. And the Bible is very big on money. It is a topic that's mentioned hundreds of times through the Bible. I've seen arguments made that money is the number one thing talked about in the Bible, and that's because it affects so many of our lives, our decisions, our feelings, our measurements for how someone is successful in life, and so much of our fear and worry in life is revolving around things like bills and gas and inflation and my pay. Many of us came into this building today thinking about work tomorrow, or the lack thereof; thinking about the economy or our houses or what's happening in our economy. And so we come in here thinking about our job, and we think about our retirement. Interestingly enough, you'll even find that there are many people in the world today who are wealthy, who also worry about money, sometimes even more. Sometimes that's the reason why they're wealthy is they think any day now something's going to come along and destroy my business, or what happens if interest rates go up and X, Y and Z happens. So it's interesting that for many of us, our lives are limited by and revolve around our worry with money. Now I'm so glad nobody here is worried about money, right? Everybody here is fine. No? Let me begin by saying a few points on money, and then we're going to get to the passage Hannah read. The first is this: Jesus provides daily bread. Jesus promises daily bread IF, and this is a big if, if you go where the bread is. Now the bread's provided, but it may not be here, it's probably over there.

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You have to go where the bread is. And here's where the bread is – it's wherever the bread maker is. Here's where the money is – it's wherever the money maker is. Here's where the life is – it's where the source of life is, right? When you're near the Lord, you're near everything else you need. And when you focus on the Lord, when you focus on His vision for your life, when you focus on the big picture of your life, when you focus on personal development in His kingdom, the money takes care of itself. This is going to be the theme for today and I hope you get out of here with this. If you want bread, go where the bread is. Like Israel in the wilderness, it wanders around and every day it's provided with bread called manna. But the bread is never tomorrow's bread, it's always today's bread. Did the Jews try and store up the bread? The answer is yes, but then it would get eaten and it would evaporate, it turned to worms, so God only provides the daily manna for the people of Israel. But every day for 40 years, it's always there. And this is the image that Jesus uses for us. We may not always have tomorrow's bread in hand, but you always have the promise of the bread tomorrow. Therefore, you don't have to worry about it. Like Israel, our question is not where is the bread? The question is where is the cloud by day and the fire by night. If you answer the cloud by day and fire by night question, the bread question takes care of itself. Amen? So God wants us to get a vision for our life, and if we get a vision, the other stuff takes care of itself. I remember in high school, I wanted to go on a missionary trip to Russia. It was a two-month deal. I was supposed to go with this team and minister to kids at an orphanage, and I had to raise my own money to go. And the trip was in like five or six weeks, and they only gave you like three weeks to raise the money, and I was like I'm just going to go for this. I'm going to try and raise this money, and the first thing I did is I called the best money fundraising person I knew: my grandpa Schuller. I thought he will have the answer. He'll know. And I called him for some advice. Now I'm kind of calling hoping he'd maybe write a check maybe and kind of help me a little bit. He didn't give me any money. He gave me a bit of advice. I never forgot it. This has helped me my whole life. This is what he said: Bobby, if you have the vision, the money will come. If you have the vision, the money will come. And though I didn't get any money, I got some advice, I decided to take that advice and run with it, and I just started doing whatever I could – washing cars, I started reaching out to people, trying to get some money, and I needed money quickly, and it was not very long till I was about to run out of time, and I only had a couple hundred bucks. And I thought I had this vision, I had this dream, I went for it, and I only had like a few days left. And then all of a sudden, my mom shows up with some money. I thought what is going on here? Now what she had done is she sent out these things called graduation announcements, which I didn't know existed. Have you ever gotten one of those from some random nephew you forgot about? I know I have. She sent out all of these notices to distant second cousins and aunts and uncles with a picture of me with the hat and the frill thing, and "Bobby's graduating high school, class of '99." And there was a little.. maybe there was a return envelope, I don't know? No there wasn't. Well you should have. That would have been extra. And so all of a sudden, people start sending me \$20, \$50 to say congratulations on graduating from high school, and sure enough, the money came. Now that was a great lesson for me, that I kept the vision before me, I grinded out like crazy, I feel like God saw that and that prayer was answered. That even though it wasn't answered my way, it was answered. And here's why it was answered is because the vision was for God's kingdom. If you have a vision for God's kingdom, a bigger vision for your life, something that for me when I was 17 it was crazy. I want to go to Russia and I want to raise the money in three weeks. For me, that was a mammoth dream. God provided. And God will provide for you, if the vision is the Lord's, the provision will come. If you get the vision, the provision will come. Okay. Now wherever God is, provision is. Wherever God is, provision is. And the provision that God has for us is not just enough, it's not barely enough, the provision God has for us is more than enough, right? David's cup was not perfectly filled to the top, his cup was (AUDIENCE – overflowing) overflowing, that's right. God does not say that He has some cattle on a couple of hills, right? He's got cattle on a thousand hills. There's no limit to how much provision God has for us. Here's where the limit is – the limit is on our vision for our lives, our vision for God's kingdom, our vision for what we can accomplish. The bigger our vision gets, the more provision we need, in some ways, the better, because then we become the new kind of person and we're part of a new kind of vision that attracts what we need. So there was a really big danger, then, about not making it about the vision in God's kingdom, and instead making it about money, which is what we all do, very often, all the time. Jim Rohn said it this way. Here's one version of the story. Judas got the money! Judas got the money! Hey! We don't tell the story that way, do we. We don't tell the story that way.

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And so we know deep down inside that life is about much more than provision, much more than bread, much more than money, much more than reputation. So God will make a way for you. He will. You came here, you're like what's going to happen. I don't know what's going to happen for you, but I know if you get in touch with the Lord, He will make a way for you. Now this way is usually presented to you as opportunity. Or it's presented to us as a guide, someone who takes our hand and shows us where to go. Sometimes that opportunity is an open door, but no matter what it is, God's going to provide a way for you. You're going to have the provision and more than you need to do what you're called to do. Here's another thing – God doesn't typically like to just drop money in our laps. He likes us to participate in our provision. There's a commandment in the Old Testament, rather, that says when you're harvesting the field, you should leave little patches left of grain. Why is that? So that the poor can come and glean the grain themselves. Now why doesn't it say just give the grain to the poor? Doesn't say that, does it. It says leave a little bit, therefore, the poor can come and do a little bit of work so that they can get it themselves. Why? Because bread that you've earned tastes better than bread that's given to you. Can I just say that from personal experience? That when you've earned it, in some way, when you've put a little bit of yourself into a thing and you eat by the work of your own hand, there's dignity in that, and it raises your esteem and it gets you ready. Okay, here's one last thought on money before we get into the passage. Money magnifies what's happening in secret in your life. If on the outside you seem like a decent person, but on the inside you're a little monster, and you get a bunch of money, you're going to become a big monster. If your fantasy for getting money is to paint the town red and do all this stuff, it's not good, right? But if your fantasy for getting money is the people you can care for, the projects you can accomplish, the buildings you can make, the services you can provide, the difference, the impact you can have, that's a good thing, and the money will magnify your life. Here's another way of saying it, Pastor Bobby version. If you're a good person, I want you to be rich as Crassus. If you're a bad person, I want you to be broke. Broke. And that brings us to the passage for today – Luke chapter 12. Now we're not going to read through the whole passage. Hannah already did that. We're going to work through it, though. I assumed you were listening, you paid attention, but here's the first thing Jesus says about worry. The first thing He says is don't worry about food. Don't worry about food, about your provision. And food for them is also really money. Don't worry about money. And why? Why? Here's why – if that's all you worry about, that's the limit of your life. If provision is all you worry about, that's all your life will become. We know stories of people. Maybe you're that story yourself. You have lots of provision, lots of provision, but that's the limit of your life. And even though you have three square meals and everything's good for you, something's missing. Jesus tells us look to the ravens. God cared for the ravens. This is a hyperlink in the Old Testament, there's a story of Elijah, King Ahab. Ahab has all this provision, and this horrible thing happens in the land, and God takes these ravens, who are known to be miserly, and they take all of the food in the stores from Ahab's special barns, and they give them to Elijah. What does that message mean? The message means that those of us who are in God's presence, He's going to take what's in the hands of the wicked, and He's going to give it to the righteous. Reminds me of a story about the man with the silo. I've never in my life.. I love this parable, it's a little bit harsh, but I've never in my life heard a sermon on this parable, especially in America, but I love this one. The story goes like this. Very short. A man has this big harvest day, huge harvest day, pulls in all of this grain, and then he says oh my goodness, what an amazing harvest, and tears down all of his barns and builds new barns and silos to hold all this grain. And then he says to himself, the rest of my life, I'm going to take it easy. I'm going to eat, drink and be merry. And then the Lord says, this day you shall die, and bam, he's dead. That's the end of the story! And Jesus explains this to us, He says this is what happens to a person who is rich in material things in life, but is poor towards God. Now what do we do with that passage? Your financial planner does not like that story, does he? He wants you to contribute monthly to your 401K and this type of thing. Here's what I say about that story. It's not that the man had big silos. Big silos are wonderful. They're a blessing. It's not that he had abundance and provision. It's that the abundance and provision on the outside didn't reflect what was on the inside. Here's another way we can say it – the barn was bigger than the person. Remember, this is the thing Jesus says at the end. The person who's poor on the inside, right? That's where the danger is. And so the person who's rich on the inside but poor on the outside has a better future than the person who's rich on the outside but is poor on the inside. This man who had this big silo, the biggest thing in his life is his silo! And the more the silo shrinks, the more his life shrinks. Maybe you've known people like that with a big bank account.

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The biggest thing in their life is their bank account, and as their bank account shrinks, their life shrinks. They say silly things like I sure hope I die before I run out of money. Things like that. Maybe you've thought that to yourself. God doesn't want you to have an ever-shrinking life based on the size of your barn. He wants you to have a big life that's based on God's big vision for your life. He wants you to go after the vision of who you can become, the vision of what you can accomplish, and if it takes millions and millions of dollars, so be it, He'll provide. Whatever it is you need to accomplish in your life, you go for it. Don't worry about the food, don't worry about the money, worry about the vision, the dream that God has for you, and if you're in God's will, He will provide. We understand that wherever God is, provision is, and not enough, more than enough. So here's the good thing to worry about. Not what's in my bank account, but what's in my heart. Here's a good thing to worry about – not will I have bread tomorrow, but will I be near the one who provides the bread? Get close to God and you'll get closer to all you need, amen? Okay, the second thing He says is, okay don't worry about food. Don't worry about your clothes. Why do we worry so much about our clothes? Don't worry about how you look. Don't worry about your appearance so much. He says look at the fields and the beautiful flowers that are out there. You guys ever see this last year, we had the super bloom here. The purples and yellows. God just like painted the hillsides by the ocean, the majesty of it all, right? Just incredible view of the ocean and the waves crashing upon hills with flowers. It's like more beautiful than any person has ever been dressed up, right? Like that is God's creation, right? And He says I do this with the flowers, and then what do you do, you bundle up those flowers when they're dried up and you burn them in the stove. Which is fine. But He's saying if that's how I care for those flowers, how much more am I going to care for you? I'm going to take care of you. So He says this – don't worry about how you look. Don't worry about your clothes. Don't be obsessed about aging and the way it makes you look. Don't be worried about your reputation. Don't be worried about what others say about you. Don't be worried about how you look. Why? If that's all you worry about, that's the limit of your life. We all know people that are obsessed with how they look, and that is the limit of their life. So don't let the limit of your life be your money, and don't let it be how you look. And here's the next thing Jesus says – here's why so many people are tempted to worry about these things. Here's why – because they're important. Well that's a surprise, isn't it? They're important. Money's important. Clothes are important. How you look is important. How you feel is important. What you eat is important, right? And this is God saying this. This is important to God. But He says the solution is not those things, the solution is the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God. Here's the irony – is that worrying about these things is probably the biggest thing that's getting in the way of us getting these things. All right, now everybody just take a deep breath. (BREATHES IN AND OUT) Just let it out. We're just going to focus our mind on God. Here's what we're learning today – it's not about money, it's not about reputation, it's about being close to the Lord and being in His will. If we worry about these things, they become the limit of our lives. A man with two cars, a decent home, plenty of clean food and job security says to himself in his heart, he wonders why he's not fulfilled. I have the answer, if you're that person. You have three square meals, you're going to have three square meals tomorrow, you had it yesterday, you've got a nice car, nice house, a beautiful family, everything, and you still wonder why you're not fulfilled, I have the answer for why. So does he, but he's wrong. He blames his wife. He'll find another woman, right. He blames his car. My car is getting too old - I remember how it felt when I had a nice BMW. He blames his job. He blames his stupid boss - I'm smarter than that guy. And he thinks if these things change, then somehow he'll get fulfillment again in life, but he's wrong. Here's why this man is not fulfilled. Are you listening? This is the thing I want you to get. The man is not fulfilled because he stopped growing. That's why. That's what discipleship is. He is the same person today that he was five years ago. He doesn't know anything more today than he did five years ago. His character, his personality, his dreams, his visions, his goals, his prayers, nothing's changed. Nothing's changed. And so he blames everything on the outside, and never looks on the inside. When we stop growing, we start dying. That's what it means to be alive is to grow. How big do living things grow? The answer is as big as they can. As big as they can. How big does a tree grow? How deep do the roots of a tree go? As deep as they can! When a tree runs out of water and sunlight, how much does it grow? In spite of it all, as much as it can! It gets as big as it can. Unless it's dead. You see? We look to progress on all these other things outside in our lives – our bank account, our job, our status. Here's where the progress is. It's in here, it's in here. Nothing is stopping you from growing up here and in here. And that's what the Lord asks of us. That's what it means to be a disciple.

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I think there's a difference today between a disciple and a Christian, it seems like. Seems like a Christian is somebody who makes a decision to trust in the Lord, but a disciple goes beyond that. They commit their whole lives to following Jesus; to sanctifying their lives, to changing the way they think, to changing their behavior, changing their culture. And this is the gift. This is the gift today for Christianity is it brings eternal life now. So here's what we say – it's better to be rich here and rich here, and be broke out there, than to have a huge bank account and be a slob. Right? And be going nowhere, not growing, a bum. That's not you. So better to have God's calling in your life, better to have fresh vision, better to have a killer network of people that you're reaching out to, better to have a huge vision for your life, better to be everyday grinding into your heart the disciplines that make you add more value and power to your life, better to have the persistence when you face storms in life than to have a huge bank account and be a slob! That's twice I used the slob in the sermon. It works! So here's what we say. So this is what Jesus is telling us in the Bible. I once heard an atheist in an argument, he said just listen to the teachings of your great teacher. He tells people don't worry, don't worry, don't worry. Imagine - that's terrible advice. Nothing would get done if we didn't worry, is what he says. But that's wrong, and I understand the sentiment. Jesus doesn't say don't worry. He says don't worry about food, and don't worry about how you look, but do worry about what? His kingdom. See that's the command. The command is if you focus on God's kingdom, that stuff will take care of itself. If you get a kingdom vision for your life, if you become a kingdom person, if you're working on kingdom goals, that stuff will take care of itself, and that is a promise from the Bible. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. The Bible, we all know, the biggest commandment in the Bible is do not fear. This is because fear is very often the opposite of faith. Right? Its constantly saying don't fear. Fear not, fear not, be not afraid. But there is one exception, isn't there. There is one exception. There is one thing we're allowed to be afraid of. One thing we're allowed to fear. Do you remember what it is? It says it in the Bible in the same breath. We fear the Lord. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Now notice the fear of the Lord is not wisdom, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That's where it starts. Where we decide I'm not going to be afraid, I'm not going to worry about anything else. Here's what I'm going to worry about – am I near the cloud by day and the fire by night. Here's what I'm worrying about – am I in God's will? Here's what I'm worrying about – am I ever being transformed into the image of Christ? If we're worrying about that, we stop worrying. It's a weird dichotomy. Here's what we worry about – am I growing, am I developing, am I a new creation? Here's what we worry about – am I robbing God by not tithing, by not giving, by not being a generous person. When you talk about provision, that's something to worry about. Here's something I can worry about – am I ever satisfied in the all nourishing power and life of Jesus Christ? I just want to say just get insatiable for God. Just get so thirsty for the Lord. Make Him the thing you want when you wake up, and the thing you want when you go to bed. And my friend, all this provision stuff, it will take care of itself. It will take care of itself. Here's another way of saying it – if you never have enough of God, you will always have enough of everything else. If you just say I can't get enough of the Lord. If you just say I can't get enough of you, God. It's like your heart says I just can't get enough of God, you will always have enough food, you will always have enough house, you will always have enough status, you'll have enough of everything else you need. One final thought on money, and this is how every economy has worked since the beginning of time till now. People in the world's marketplace are not paid by the hour. We break it down by the hour, but some people get paid \$20 an hour, other people get paid \$2,000 an hour. So it can't just be that we're paid for the hours that we work. So what are we paid for? The answer is the value you bring. The value you bring. And can I just say that the more value you bring to the world, the more people you serve, the more the finances take care of themselves. It's just a law. It's just the law that we live by. And in a world that is ever becoming more selfish and focused on me and does the bare minimum and blames everybody else, and blames systems and blames their boss and blames the fed and the government and everything else, in that world, somebody who enters in is just like Christ and is there to serve and loves their customers and works hard and has a smile on their face, their value is through the roof. It's through the roof. In other words, the world needs disciples more than ever, and I think we're going to actually see as we have serious disciples going into the marketplaces of the world, they're going to actually receive financial rewards, even though that's not at all their goal. Their goal is not money, are actually going to see probably some of the biggest financial rewards because they're providing the most value in a world that is running out of that kind of personality.

The #1 Reason You're Not Fulfilled

Those who have ears, let them hear! If you need money, it comes from here and it comes from here. If you're the same person you were ten years ago, there's no hope for you unless you decide that ten years from now, I'm going to be completely different. Make that decision today. The first decision you can make in that regard, if you're watching on television or you're here for the first time, is to be at peace with God. I know most people in this building believe in God, or maybe if you're watching you believe in God in some way, you have some nice idea of God, but let me tell you, my friend, that there is a thing, this thing of sin has created a wall between humanity and God where many of us today we are just not at peace with God. We've done things, we've had things in our heart and we just have not.. we've just moved on, maybe forgot, but we've not reconciled. God can wipe out all of those tapes of your life of all that stuff that you regret. God loves you. He's not angry at you, He's not mad, He's not scowling at you, He just wants to be near you, but Christ paid the price so we could be at peace with God. So I want to encourage you today the Lord sees you just where you are, and He sees your heart. And I think that He sees that although you might think you have a bad heart, He sees that you have a heart that's actually is even now turning towards Him. So won't you be at peace with God today? This might be the last time. I want to encourage you that even though you might not be able to figure everything about religion and everything that you can trust that Christ laid His life down for you. That right now in your own way, you don't need to stand up or come down here, you don't need me to pray for you, you don't need any of those things. Here's what you need – between you and the Lord, in your own way, right now, to say Lord, forgive me. Make me a new creation. I want to be at peace with you. Fill me with your spirit. And if your heart aligns with that even quietly in your heart, you'll never be the same. Your home will be in heaven. I want to encourage you to do that, and if you do that, text me the word HOPE to the number on the screen so we can pray for you. And let's just pray that together for all of us as saints. Let's pray saints and sinners alike, let's pray this right now. Lord, we just come to you in Jesus' name, and just align your heart with me. Father, in Jesus' name, I pray that you would forgive us of our sins. I pray that you renew us, and restore us. We believe that Christ laid His life down for us. We believe He was raised from the dead. We believe that you've given your spirit to the church and to this person who's hearing my voice now, and I pray in Jesus' name they'd never be the same again, that today they would decide that this day that they would write down the date in their heart, in their mind, in their Bible, somehow, to say this is the day I made a decision to begin a new journey in my life to follow Christ and I will never turn back. Lord, we pray it in Jesus' name. A second prayer – for all who come here, with bills to pay, and empty silos, all who come here with work to do but the work does not provide enough, we are going to stop praying faithless prayers of Lord give me just enough. We are going to pray God, give me 30/60/100 fold what I need. I pray first, Lord, that the people who are here would first get a vision for who they can become, and what they can achieve. And I pray in the short term even now, Lord, that you would provide all they need to pay their bills, and more than that, I pray it in Jesus' name, amen.

Benediction – Bobby Schuller

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.