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### GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

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

HS: And happy advent season, visitors and church family. We're so happy that you're here today. God so loved the world, that includes you, that He gave us Jesus. You are so loved.

BS: So glad you're here today. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, thank you so much for inviting us to your house with your people. We're thankful, God, for the life you've given us. Thank you, God that we woke up this morning, that we're able to be here with our friends and our family and people who love us. We pray, God, that you would be lifted up, that we'd leave here full of energy, full of life, full of fresh vision. We thank you. It's in Jesus' name we pray. All God's people said, amen.

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

### SCRIPTURE – Luke 1,11-17 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for the message, Luke 1:11.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him, do not be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and a delight to you and many will rejoice because of his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink. And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord, their God.

And he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Peace) – Caitlyn Fonda, Philip Hoch, Josh Cheng

CF: Last Sunday, we lit our first candle, the candle of hope. Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.

PH: The prophet Isaiah has written of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

JC: God's peace is given as a state of the heart in every believer who follows Christ. As we follow the Prince of Peace together, God's kingdom grows, and we become true instruments for peace in all the world.

Let us pray these words together as a congregation: give peace in our time, O Lord. Peace and reconciliation among the nations. Peace and unity within the churches. Peace and harmony in our communities and our homes. Peace and love in all our hearts. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

No matter who you are, we're glad everyone's here. This is a party, right? And a celebration of the Lord, and the more people, the better. So, would you stand with me? We're going to say this creed together as we do every week. Hold your hands like this as a way of receiving from the Holy Spirit. 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.

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### MESSAGE/PRAYER – Bobby Schuller: The Words that Break and the Words that Make

Today on the advent calendar is the Sunday of Peace. Now, one of the best ways to have peace in your life is to figure out the way that you lose peace in your life. And I would say one of the best ways to lose peace in your life is with your words.

Today we're going to talk about the power of words. It comes from Luke chapter 1, the story of Zechariah. We'll get there in a bit. But, wow, is there power in words. There is huge power in words. And there are many words that have variances of power, but there is no word at night or in the day, in the morning or the evening, there's no word in the east or in the west, the north or in the south, that is more powerful than the name of Jesus. This is a word that changes everything.

I'll start with a very dark story. It's anecdotal, it's just one I heard from someone in college. A guy, did not grow up Christian, was not religious at all, never went to church, was dying. And as he was dying, this is his own story, he experienced himself going into hell, and was in the worst, we could say pickle, I mean that's probably not an extreme enough word, but he was in a pickle.

And he remembered, in this death experience he had, his grandma saying when he was a little child, 'if you're ever in a dark or difficult situation, cry out the name of Jesus.' And he did. Never been to church, just goes, 'Jesus, Jesus!' And boom, he comes out of it. I've heard stories like this before where people feel a dark presence and they say the word, "Jesus" and it seems like the darkness goes away.

There is power in words, and there's especially power in the name of Jesus. And I know, maybe you say, I don't believe in all of that stuff. But I want to convince you today that there is a universe underneath the one you're experiencing now, that's made of words, that makes a difference in your life.

The enemy cannot read your mind. Did you know that? Satan can't read your mind. But he can talk to it. The enemy can't read your mind, but he can speak to it. And the only way that he knows if he's getting through to you is if you say out loud what he's putting in there. The only way he can confirm, finally I'm getting through to him, is when you say out loud all the stuff that he's saying to you. Whether it's about yourself, or about your spouse, or about your neighbor, or about the person you're angry with. When you say it out loud he goes, whoa, I'm getting through, alright, I'm making some progress here.

But when he's putting those words in your head, and then you cry out the name of Jesus, and you say it out loud, "Jesus," like this, here's what Satan does, he goes, where, where? Because Satan looks at Jesus the way a turkey looks at a lion. He's afraid. He stands no chance.

And so, it's important that when we talk about words, we talk about the most important word, and that is the name of Jesus Christ. But in general, we must understand the power in our lives. Maybe you're not a Christian today. Maybe you're just here for the Christmas experience. Maybe you're just here to, you know, you like the stars. It's good decoration. It's not bad, right?

Let me tell you about the power of words. Here's the power of words in your life. Words are spiritual paint. I want you to think of words as spiritual paint. Every time you talk, you're painting, you're like making a painting of your future life. Paint goes out, paint goes out. Whenever you speak, you're painting the future. When you say positive things aloud, the air gets loftier and more hopeful. Whenever you speak judgment, whenever you speak fear, when you speak doubt, when you speak shame, the 'how dare you's,' and the 'you rotten,' and the 'you this,' and 'you that,' the air gets heavier, it gets gloomier. You ever feel that?

And so it's important that we understand that although we might feel a certain way or think a certain thing, it's important that we don't always say the thing aloud because there are others listening, and your body's listening, and spirits are listening, and the universe is listening. And so, when you say it aloud, something changes, whether it's positive or negative.

A lot of people say, well, what am I supposed to do? If I feel rotten all the time, and I see rot all the time, and everything is rotten and horrible, am I just supposed to bottle that up and shove it down? That sounds like denial to me. Here's what we say. It's not denial. It's a focus. You think I don't see the rot in the world? You think we all don't see the good, the bad, the light, the dark, the positive, the negative? We see it all. It's not denial. It's focus. It's what do you focus on?

Denial says, it doesn't exist. There's nothing bad in the world. It doesn't exist. But focus says, I see both light and dark. I choose to focus on the light. Focus is a choice. It asks the question, 'today, what shall I pay attention to?'

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A man is walking in Griffith Park in Los Angeles. Beautiful view, beautiful day. Walking around, and from that road along the observatory, he can see Dodger Stadium. He can see downtown. He can see Beverly Hills. And the Beverly Hillbillies coming by. Remember that show? He can see the Hollywood sign. He can see it all.

As the man walks, he sees two painters. The first painter is painting a landscape of Los Angeles, and everything is dark. It's graffiti. It's broken windows and barbed wire and chain link fence and trash. And it's all real. It's all things that you can see. The next painter, painting a landscape, is painting a beautiful sunset and the birds flying by and all of the lights and the glitz and the glamour of Hollywood. And it's a beautiful painting, and that's real.

So, here's the real question, which painter was right? The painter who sees the trash and the garbage, or the painter who sees the glitz and the glamour? And the answer is they're both right, of course. They're both right. But the real question for our lives is when we see life, whatever we experience, whatever it is we're doing, what do we choose to see? What do we choose to focus on? And here's how you know what you're really focusing on. You know because of what's coming out of your mouth. Because of what you say. Because of what you say.

Here's something that the Bible says. Very weird passage. Took me a long time to understand this. "If your eyes are good," listen guys, "if your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. If your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness." What does that mean? Hey, is there anybody here whose just feeling kind of dark right now? You're feeling kind of negative. You're feeling kind of depressed. You're kind of let down. Can't get any luck in life. Nothing's coming around. Nothing gets good. Perhaps all you see is what's negative. And perhaps all you say, or paint, shall we say, all you're painting is what's negative. Negativity, negativity.

And you say, Bobby, I can't lie! What do you want me to lie? I thought this was church! Here's what we do to break the cycle as Christians: we stand on the Word of God. So if everything is rotten in your life and everything's going bad, nothing's going good, here's something you can say aloud, the Word of God, the scriptures that you might know. And if you don't know, memorize them. Watch what happens. Watch what happens. Just drop your shoulders. Listen to this: "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the quiet waters. He restores my soul." Do you hear it? Do you feel it happening in your body? Look how it's like painting the air. Right? "There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law and the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death." Wow. Do you feel it?

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all the things you need will be added to you." See, there is something about saying scripture aloud that your body hears and it begins to undo the cycle. It's spiritual paint. Spiritual paint, you see? If you see what's positive, and you say what's positive, you'll see more positive, and you'll say more positive and the cycle will go the other way. This is a Bobby Schuller promise. Amen?

All right, that brings us to the story of Luke chapter 1. Great story. There's an old couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth. The author wants you to think of Abraham and Sarah from the Old Testament. God makes a promise to them, the promise is to be fulfilled through a child, but now they're old beyond the years of being able to have a child, never had a child, and now they're given a promise that they'll have a child.

And so Zechariah is a priest. In those days, there was 18,000 priests. They chose the priests for the day to burn the incense by rolling some dice; something like that, we'll say. They cast lots, but we'll just say they rolled some dice. All right? And they say that most priest's chances of ever doing the incense is one out of 18,000. You've got 18,000 guys, only one gets to do it. How many days is 18,000 days? I'm going to guess it's about 50 years. So one out of every 50 years or so, you're going to get a chance to go and burn the incense. It's a special day for Zechariah. The lots point to him.

And wow, there's thousands of people in the temple, and here comes Zechariah. It's his big day. He's never done this before, probably. And he's walking into the temple, and he's doing the thing, doing the thing, trying to remember; do this thing here, and then say the prayers, and do the thing. And then all of a sudden, boom, this angel arrives, right? Gabriel, and he's terrified.

Zechariah looks at Gabriel. Gabriel looks at him, and he says, I have some good news for you. Your wife, Elizabeth, is going to be pregnant. And this kid, let me tell you about him. First of all, his name is going to be John. I know you don't have anybody in your family named John. His name is going to be John. He's going to change the world. He's going to be like Elijah for the coming of the Messiah. He's going to turn the nation to God. People are going to repent. It's going to be amazing.

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And what does Zechariah do with this temple full of smoke and light and lightning and an angel on a special day. He looks and goes, my wife's pretty old. How do I know for sure that this is going to happen? This is the last thing he's going to say for about a year because this angel looks at him and he goes, oh, (I changed the tone). I am Gabriel, which is a big deal. Gabriel's a big deal. And he says, I have been sent by God Himself to tell you this. It's almost like Gabriel's like, look around. And he says to him, until that day you're not going to be able to speak another word.

Now here's the question. First of all, so it's nine months. Back then I think it was still nine months to have a baby. I haven't looked into it. But about nine months, maybe a little longer. Who knows if she got pregnant that night, I don't know. But nine months to a year, maybe. Can't speak. The day comes for this baby. Elizabeth delivers the baby. Day comes to name the baby, the circumcision. And they say, because he can't speak, father can't speak, what do we name the baby? We'll name him Zechariah Jr. Everybody's all excited, they're about to do it. Mother says, not Zechariah, John. And they say, John? There's nobody in your family named John. And they're thinking of doing it anyway, just still naming him Zechariah.

So they ask the dad, who can't speak. Zechariah, what should this baby's name be? Zechariah Junior, right? What's that? Gives him some chalkboard, he writes down J-O-H-N and boom. He can speak all of a sudden. He can speak. Wow! And then he proclaims this great poem. This great poem, and it's an amazing thing.

And here's a question - why did Gabriel make it where he couldn't speak anymore? There's something to learn here, my friends. Why did Gabriel say, no, you're not going to.. after that, after that doubt, after all, like you can see all this stuff and you still have doubt, you're just not going to speak anymore. Why is that important to God?

Here's what it's not. It's not a punishment. It's not a punishment. I believe it was protection. There is something in our ability to speak and destroy miracles. There's something in us to be able to speak to destroy love, to destroy faith, to destroy compassion, to destroy a miracle, to destroy a gift, to destroy a moment when we speak. So often it was going to come anyway if we just wouldn't have said anything. And then we destroy it with our doubt. We destroy it with our fear. We destroy it with our bitterness. We destroy it with our un-forgiveness. We destroy it with our shame. We destroy it with our judgment. And the angel just says, I'm not even going to give you a chance to destroy it. This miracle is coming your way, no matter what.

It's almost like Zechariah was looking around when he couldn't speak and going, why did this happen to me? This is all he's thinking, why did this happen to me? Why did this happen to me? And you know what I'm going to say, right? It didn't happen to him. It happened for him.

By the way, as a side note, also in the same story, an angel appears to Mary and tells her she's going to be pregnant with the Messiah. Here's a teenage girl engaged to the hottest guy in town, already picked out her wedding dress and everything. Sent out the invitations. Got a great caterer. It's all ready to go. And this angel appears and says, you're going to have a child as a virgin, and what does she say? Amen. Thank you, Lord. I receive it. It's almost as if, even though this disaster to any other bride, this disaster for her, it wasn't a disaster, it didn't happen to her, it happened for her. She didn't need to be silenced because she was full of faith.

Here's what I want you to understand: the words that you're saying are affecting your spiritual life, and your spiritual life affects your material life, not the other way around. And as you speak, you're making a difference in what your future will be. You're making a difference about how you feel about yourself. You're making a difference about how other people feel about you. Change your words. Your words are painting your future. You are, whether you like it or not, a spiritual painter.

Some people in this room, we're not going to say in this room. Some people listening, but for sure in this room, are painting masterpieces, intentionally, and masterpieces! When they speak, it's amazing. What they're saying is full of wisdom, full of life, full of faith, full of power, full of goodness. And it's intentional. It's on purpose. And their lives are great. And you can see that their words line up with their lives.

Other people in this world, they're painting graffiti. They're going up to beautiful paintings and they're going tss, tss, tss, tss, tss all over it, right? And they're doing it on purpose and they're making things trash. They're making things ugly. We know people like this who use their words to mess with your life. Use their words to bully. Use their words to cast down your dreams. Use their words to bring up your past. Use the words to insult you. Use the words in a way to do it where you question whether or not they like you or they don't like you, or whatever.

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And then there's the rest of us. Most people are just making a mess. They're not doing graffiti. They're not doing masterpieces. They're just not paying attention. The power of the words. They're just making a mess.

The Pharisees were really big on dietary laws. Don't eat that, but you can eat that. Don't eat that that way, but you can eat it this way. Don't eat it on that day, you can eat it on this day. And boy, were they willing to die on a hill about this. And finally, Jesus gets so upset about this, because their oral traditions go beyond what's even in the law, He says to them, it's not what goes into a man that defiles him, but what comes out. Did you catch that joke? Yes, that's what He was saying. Yes, that's what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was saying to them. We know this because the disciples say, Rabbi, the Pharisees were kind of offended at that one. Did you hear what He said? It's not what a man eats that defiles him. It's not the food that goes into a man that defiles him, it's the food that comes out. Did you catch it that time? All right, that's enough of that. Some Pharisees in here are getting offended.

No, listen. There's no Pharisees in here, I'm sorry. Never insult your audience. You guys are, you guys are great. I'm sorry. But they're like, what did you mean by that? Surely you didn't mean what we thought you meant. He goes, no, it's what you say. It's what you say. It's what you say. What you say. What you say. And He's saying, like, some people when they speak, it's like that other thing, just making a mess. Pay attention to what you say.

Have you ever felt dirty after saying something? I know I have. Have you ever felt stupid after saying something? I know I have. Happens to us all. First of all, forgive yourself for that. But also, just begin to think of your words as having incredible power to bind and loose. With our words, we pray. With our words, we bless. With our words, we curse. With our words, we deceive and trick. And, you can't even get married without words. You know that, right? If I look at you and I'm marrying you and your future spouse, and I say, "do you?" And you just go (SHRUGS SHOULDERS) wedding's over. Wedding's over. You got to say something. Okay.

And we all know this deep down inside. Early 20th century. Big, beautiful boat is made. Best boat that's ever made in human history. Strongest boat that's ever made. Invincible. They give it the best name they can think of - Titanic. And on a newspaper, some reporter says, "God Himself could not sink this boat." They even put it in writing. Now I've known a lot of sailors, and a lot of captains, and I can tell you, they do not mind cussing. They do not mind cussing, they do not mind telling the dirtiest joke you can ever think of, but they would never say something as stupid as that. They would never, ever write something like that.

Next time you get on a Boeing, like an airplane, and you're going to fly across the country, just stand up in the plane and look at everybody and go, "don't worry everybody! This is a Boeing 737 made in America. God Himself could not crash this plane." You will see more than one atheist shift in their seat. And anyone of Irish descendant will just stand up and leave. They'll just leave. It's not worth the risk.

Okay, why? Why do all of us go (OOOF, OOO)? Even if you're not a Christian, you're like, ay, oof, ee, ay, bleh, right? We all know, deep down inside, there's something about the words. The Bible tells us the whole world is made of words. The whole universe is made of words. Scientists tell us our DNA is made of words. Sort of. A code. So be mindful. Be mindful of your words.

Be mindful of what you say aloud, especially to yourself. Think whatever you want. Not really. Just don't say it aloud. Don't say it aloud! If you have negative thoughts, constantly negative thoughts spinning in your mind, just say positive words. Say the positive words. After you do something good, nobody's around, just go, good job, man. You'll feel better. Try it. Try it, and then text me. Try it, it was great.

When you get your paycheck, and it's a little bit smaller, you think, you're kind of mad at the government for taking out all those taxes, and you're kind of mad at your boss because there was like some other thing in there he didn't tell you about. Just go, alright, payday. Abundance. I got it. I got some money. More to come. There's are so many words you can say that will lift your life up. Words like victory. Words like, thank you, Lord. Words like, thank you, friend. You can get excited, aloud, about the good things in your life. It will change your mind, it will change your body.

My sister-in-law, incidentally also named Hannah, this is going to be a confusing story to tell, I just realized. My wife, Hannah, was reading a text from Hannah, our sister-in-law. And this Hannah's uncle was on his deathbed, and we had prayed for him, not only that he would be healed, but that he'd be saved. Weeks later, I'm in the car, Hannah opens her phone, she goes, "Woo! Woo! Woo! Yeah! Woo!" And I'm like, I'm like, the lottery? What? Like Hannah does not do that.

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I was like, what is it? What happened? She's like, "he got healed, he got saved!" Something like that, right? Did he get healed and saved?

HANNAH OFF MIC: He was healed like week after we prayed and then like five months later he gave his life to God, and his while life he was the black sheep of the family.

BS: Yeah, his whole life he just, yeah, his whole life was black sheep, just road to perdition, healed, saved. Woooo! That's good. That's good to do that aloud. I thought, that's good. That is a good habit. Celebrate aloud. Tell somebody about it. Something good happens to you, even if its small things, celebrate it. Say it aloud. Say it aloud. We're so good at complaining. Why not rejoicing? Rejoice. Rejoice.

Here's some science. The science says that when you say something aloud, your brain hears it and your body hears it. When you say something aloud, your body and your brain hear it. And it doesn't forget it. You want to change your emotions? Say things aloud that go in the opposite direction of what you're feeling.

Alright, number two, be mindful of what you hear. So often we're driving and we listen to whatever random music is on the radio. What a waste of time. What a waste of listening. There's good time for music. I love music like the next person. But, wow, there's also a great opportunity to listen to the book. To listen to the speech. To listen to the sermon. To listen to the course. We call that Freeway University. You get a whole degree with all the traffic you get in LA. You get a degree in anything. You can also have Freeway Church. Put on some worship. Thank the Lord. You watch your worry go away and be replaced with faith. You can do gym church, also. I had a Hannah type experience. I was at the gym, listening to this song. It just got to me. And I just kind of like put my hand in the air like this, like a crazy person because I had my headphones on, and you kind of forget people are around. And this guy comes over, he's like, 'good set, bro?' And I was like, 'it's the Lord.' Victory. Something like that. And he was like, 'yeah, I'm a Christian too,' or something. It was cool.

All right, finally. Oh yeah, don't forget. Words you hear, don't forget to get around people who already have your desired behavior. It's so important the friends we choose. Get around people that have the walk you want to walk. Get around people that have the marriage you want to have. Get around the people that have the attitude you want to have. Get around the people that have the altitude you want to have. Get around people that have the faith you want to have. If you get around people and it's their desired behavior you will just naturally change because you're going to get around their words.

All right, here's the last one. Last thing to be mindful of: communication itself is a life-changing skill, and it's something that will benefit you in every aspect of your life. Here's the first thing I would teach as a professional communicator. Number one: it's not what you say, it's how you say it. It is what you say, but it's a lot more about how you say it. Talking to Hannah about, like there's a lot of times she'll be like, you want to watch a movie? And I'll be like, no. And like, because I'm kind of tired. And she takes that as like, oh, come on. But you can do the positive no. I learned this from another guy. Positive no means you go yes, no, yes. Yes, I love watching movies with you. No, I don't really feel like it right now because I'm kind of tired. But yes, we'll do it soon. See it's so much better. Right, Hannah? Okay.

A while back, I was interviewing people to take a really great position, administrative position. And I was on Indeed, and I messaged two people: do you know QuickBooks? The first guy responds, yeah. Y-E-A-H, yeah. Not even yes. Yeah. The next lady, she responds with, thanks Mr. Schuller, I have two years of QuickBooks experience, and I'm willing to learn more if it's a necessity for the job. I'm here to help. Who would you pick? Goodness gracious! Versus, yeah. Okay.

When you're in a discussion, another thing on communication, you're in a discussion with people, whether it's at work, maybe it's a political or religious debate, and it's something that's important to you and you want to make a difference, a positive impact. Listen to me, this is from Simon Sinek, but it's good advice: be the last person to speak. Okay, you can interrupt with questions, but be the last person to speak. This is really good advice. One - because everybody will feel like they were heard first before you say, and they're more likely to listen to what you have to say. But two - you can know what people are thinking before you give your opinion, and you can fashion that opinion to get through in a more positive, impactful way.

All right, here's another thing about communication skills. If you're a completely novice person, and somebody grabs you up and wants you to say something, or wants you to give a speech, or you've only got an hour to do it, and you need to whip something together, just tell a story. Tell a story that's

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meaningful to you. Don't try and go through all the points like this. Just tell a story. That's how I was trained. That's a great way to learn to do public speaking.

Finally, and just in general, see the power of your words as weaving a life, a tapestry for you together. Whatever you're saying, it's your future. Whatever you're saying, it's not your present. It's your future. You might think you're talking about your present. You're talking about your future. You're weaving this tapestry together. You're making this painting with your words. You want health? Start speaking more healthful words. You want inspiration? Say inspirational words. You want love? Start using more loving words. You want victory? Use the word of God. Use words full of victory and your life will change.

Boy, I hope somebody heard this today. One of the most practical sermons I could ever give that will have the most immediate and instant impact in a positive way in your life. If you just do what I'm telling you to do today, it'll all change for you. It will all change.

Last, I want to invite you to be at peace with God. At the beginning of the sermon I talked about hell. Maybe that's something that scares you. It doesn't need to scare you. You don't need to worry about that at all. All you have to do is receive the gift from God to be at peace with Him. Christ already paid the price. Christ already went to hell for us. You don't have to go there. You don't have to live in doubt. You don't have to live at tension with God all the time. You can be at peace with Him. And not just know I'm going to go to heaven when I die, but you can live life at peace with God because you're not constantly against Him or working against His plans. But you can live a life of abundance and fruitfulness and life if you come to know Him.

So, make a decision today to know Jesus Christ. He gave His life for you that you could be forgiven of your sin and have eternal life. Won't you make a decision today? Make a decision to follow Christ and you'll never be the same. I want to invite you to do that this morning. If you do that, text me the word HOPE to the number on the screen. Boy, that's big. I've never looked and looked behind me before. I always thought it was like a little number right there. I'm like, right here. Whoa! When we say HOPE, we mean it.

All right, let's pray. We thank you, Lord that you are here. We thank you, Lord that you've given us the power to speak, which has only been given to human beings and no other animal. And Lord, we thank you that these words can transform and change. And we ask, Father, that we'd use them in the right way to change our own lives. Father, we love you. It's in Jesus name we pray, amen.

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Amen. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.