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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 hello to our visitors and our church family. We are always so happy that you're here. May the joy of the Lord flood this place as we worship Him this morning. You are so loved by Him.

BS: Amen. We have a special thing today. We're going to hear from the Jenny Hart Preschool. They're going to be singing Light of the World to us. All right. Pretty awesome! Okay. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, thank you so much that you've invited us here to your home, and we just thank you, God that your presence is here. Thank you that you love us through all that we're going through. Thank you, God that you can make out of our lives all that we need to become to be more and more like you, Christ. And we just pray that that would be true for us, and we pray it in Jesus' name, amen.

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

SCRIPTURE – John 4,19-26 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for the message, would you open your Bibles with me to John 4:19. "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is a spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you - I am he."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY – Deborah Rosenkranz

Are you truly aware that Jesus is the answer to any question you might be having today? To any problem? My name is Deborah Rosenkranz, I come from Germany, and I came all the way to encourage you this morning that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. And I am saying this as someone who should have been dead six times. When I was 13-years-old, one sentence was spoken over my life that almost cost my life. I was playing handball and this guy I was very in love with, being 13, was watching us, but after that training, he said 'Deborah, you're an amazing handball player. I just wonder how you're able to run being this fat.' And in that moment, I decided I'm going to lose weight, and prove to everyone that I can be skinny and beautiful. That decision almost cost my life. I lost about 66 pounds in a years' time. I lost all of my joy, I lost most of my hair, I almost couldn't move anymore. In the end, I wouldn't be able to move my left leg anymore. And we kept going back and forth to the doctors until one day the doctor told my mom, we're so sorry, but from a medical point of view, there's nothing we can do for your child anymore. Your daughter's going to die in the coming three to four weeks. And in that same week, one night I heard my parents cry in their bedroom and I heard my mother say we can already get a coffin for our daughter. She's going to die, anyways. But then my dad responded, and never ever will I forget his words, he screamed through the night, he screamed through that bedroom, and he said no! We are going to continue to pray for our daughter and our daughter is going to live!

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And then they started praying together and I can tell you in that moment, it felt as if God's hand was reaching through that door, and I was standing behind the door and it held my heart, and I was able to get up from that floor that I was crying on, open the door and tell my parents mommy, daddy, I heard you. I want Jesus back in my life. I want to get well. Could you pray for me? And I can tell you that prayer and that night saved my life. It's the reason why I'm here today, and I want to encourage you to reach for the answer, Jesus Christ, today in your situation.

WELCOME VISITORS – Bobby Schuller

Well welcome to Shepherd's Grove. We're so glad you're here. We want to welcome anybody who's here for the first time, we just have a bag with some chocolate and a book in it and some things about our church. Would you raise your hand nice and high so we can give you some free Swiss chocolate? Nice and high, you can rat out your friends, it's no problem here. Okay, we have somebody here. Anybody else on top? Well welcome, we're so glad you're here. We also want to welcome our international delegate from Hong Kong, Canada, Germany and the Netherlands. I almost said Holland. I have a couple wires crossed. Welcome, great to see you guys!

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Would you stand with me? We're going to say this creed together to affirm the gospel in our lives. Hold your hands like this, 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 – No Saint Without a Past, No Sinner Without a Future

Today I'm going to preach on John chapter 4, and it's an amazing story about the Samaritan woman at the well. You've probably heard it before, but I don't want to say I've never heard it preached the right way, but I've never heard it.. there's a context of the story that's so important to what's actually happening in the Samaritan's woman's life that to the modern reader, it's hard to see. So my hope is you'll catch what I'm about to show you this amazing part of the story. John chapter 4, if you have your Bible's you can read along. It begins, first of all, Jesus is in Judea, and He's starting to muster up some heat, we might say. Many of the religious leaders don't like what He's saying, and He decides to leave Jerusalem, which is in the south and go back to Galilee which is in the north. You might remember, Biblical history, in-between the northern and southern part of Israel, there's this middle part called Samaria and it's full of Samaritan's, that's right. And between the Samaritan's and the Jews, there's very, very bad blood, even though they're so similar. The Samaritan's are often referred to as half-bloods by the Jews, because five hundred years before, the Jews had been conquered in the north by Assyrians, and because they had meshed together, they created this sort of new ethnic group, the Samaritan's, who had almost identical religion, they just worshiped on a different mountain. And in these days, Jews and Samaritan's they don't talk to each other, they don't mix well, and in particular they could be violent towards one another when they're in each other's areas. But Jesus has to cut through Samaria to get home, and so He sends His disciples into town to get some groceries, to get some snacks, some food, and He decides to go and sit by the well. It's a hot day. He doesn't have anything to draw from the well from so He decides to sit there and wait until somebody comes along to help Him get some water, and that sets the stage for the story. In John chapter 4 verse 7, it says "when a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, will you give me a drink? Cause his disciples had gone into town." Now real quick, women in those days almost never drew water alone. They would always go in a little friend group. They'd bring their buckets and they'd chat with each other and share the most recent gossip and talk about whatever. They'd draw their water and then they'd take it back to town. This woman is what? She's alone. So the question mark immediately to the ancient reader would have been well how come she's drawing water alone? She's probably a pariah or an outsider or something. There's a reason the other women won't associate with her. And the second question – who's first at the well – Jesus or the Samaritan woman? Who comes first? Jesus is the first, right? So she comes to Him. Okay, verse 9. "The Samaritan woman said to him, you're a Jew and I'm a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? For the Jews do not associate with the Samaritans." That's a bad translation, actually.

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In Greek, it says for the Jews and Samaritans do not share plates or dishes, as like, they don't share dishes. "Jesus answered her, if you knew the gift of God and who it is that asked you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." In the ancient world, living water to us it sounds very theological. In those days, it just means water from a river, or any kind of water that's flowing, maybe from a spring or a waterfall. Something that constantly moving. Obviously we see as Christians, it's a metaphor. Jesus is trying to teach her metaphor that there is a different kind of water that can flow, that can satiate the thirst of human existence that never ends, is what He's saying, but she's just hearing like there's like this secret water thing. Okay, let's keep reading. mVerse 11, "Sir, the woman said, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep, where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock? Jesus answered, everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give to them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to him, sir, give me some of this water so I don't go thirsty and have to keep coming in here to draw water." Okay number one, we get it, right. Number one, she doesn't get it. Right? She does not understand the metaphor. She doesn't understand what He's saying. Number two, and everyone in those days would have seen this, they're at – where? A well. Okay. There are some Bible scholars here, who remembers where Moses met his wife Zipporah? The answer is at a well. Where did Isaac meet his wife? The answer is, at a well. Where did Jacob meet his wife? And the answer is, at a well, that's right. So in Judaism in the ancient world, young people in particular liked to meet, single people, liked to meet at wells hoping that they might meet like their spouse or the love of their life. How old is Jesus during these days, do you remember? About 30 years old. He's a rabbi, which in those days is like a doctor; pretty high up on the like list of guys you want to date, because rabbis did get married. And so they're at a well and I already asked you this question before, I'm going to ask it again – who was there first? So she approaches Jesus what? Alone. Okay next verse. "He told her," so she says where do I get the water from? He told her "go call your husband and come back." And what does she say? What does she say? Do you remember.. okay, can you see it? I have no husband. I have no husband, huh? I have no husband. Clearly, she's putting it out there; she's flirting with Jesus. I bet you didn't know there were people flirting with Jesus in the Bible, but there it is. "Jesus says to her," now He doesn't say this to judge her or to condemn her, I don't think, He's saying this to show her, reveal something deeper about herself, and Himself. "Jesus says to her, you are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands and the man you now have (your boyfriend) is not your husband." So keep in mind, she's flirting with Jesus even though she's got a boyfriend. "What you have said is quite true." Now the text should have a sort of dot, dot, dot in it, because at this point, she is crestfallen and thinking and whatever, right? And at a loss for words, I believe. Finally she says, "Sir, the woman said, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." That's a difference. That's the only difference, really, between these two religions is the Samaritan's worship on Gerizim and the Jews worship on Mt. Zion, in Jerusalem. Woman, Jesus replied, believe me, it's not about mountains anymore. It's not about buildings and it's not about temples anymore. That's me. But He says, "woman believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father, neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem, you Samaritans worship what you don't know. We worship what we do know for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth." That just simply means you worship honestly from your heart. It's not about buildings or mountains. Spirit in a truth means from your spirit. It means from here, honestly. It's you. You're not pretending, you're not faking. "For they are the kind of worshippers" those honest worshippers that the Father seeks. "God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. The woman said I know that the Messiah called Christ is coming, and when he comes, he's going to explain everything to us. Then Jesus declared I, the one speaking to you, I am he." And that's an homage to Him saying He's God, because the name of God is I Am. There's actually seven I Am statements in the book of John. That's actually not one of them, though. The story continues to show that Jesus continues to speak to this woman. The disciples come back, they have all the food for the picnic or whatever, they're surprised to see that their rabbi is talking to a woman alone, and perhaps they allow them to speak for a while, but then she's completely transformed. We don't know what He says to her, but He says something to her that has her like a completely transformed person, and she says I've got to go to town. I've got to tell people who you are. People must know who you are.

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And the disciples and Jesus end up staying there for about two days, and this amazing thing happens where all these Samaritans come to worship God. It's an amazing story. Now here's what I think happened is this woman is all of us. She is all of us. She's searching for something in these five husbands and then boyfriend, and she's searching for something in this guy she thinks He's just a cute, single guy at a well, right? She's searching, searching, searching, and that romance may not be the thing you're searching for. All human beings have this void within us that can only be filled by the living water of God. That's why we're here every Sunday morning, to drink from the well. And so often, we turn to those other things to try and find that fulfillment. You're just not going to find it there. One of the things that also stands out from this story is this idea this woman has a pretty gnarly past for her culture. In our day, it wouldn't be as huge a deal, but in her day, notice nobody's going to the well with her. She's got this kind of past that follows her, but that does not keep her from going to town and sharing the gospel. It does not keep her from fulfilling her destiny. She's fulfilled and now she steps into her calling, and that's what I want to say to you today. Don't allow your past to keep you from your destiny. Don't allow your mistakes to keep you from your destiny. Don't allow the disappointments, don't allow the losses, don't allow the betrayals, don't allow the screw-ups to keep you from your destiny, to keep you from where you're supposed to go, to keep you from who you're supposed to become. There's no saint without a past, there's no sinner without a future. That's what Augustine said. For some, the past is like this ball and chain that yes, you're on the move and you're doing things, but you have this thing, this bankruptcy, this mess up, this credit deal, this whatever, this shame, this sin, you're continuing to carry it with you, constantly reminded by your relatives, you're negative relatives, your enemies or your colleagues or your spouse. You're constantly reminded. You can't sleep when you think about it. It wakes you up in the middle of the night and you think about it. You find yourself stuck in a rut, and you think nobody can fix my past, nobody can fix this stuff, it's like this suitcase that I keep moving from one hand to the other, but I can never get rid of. Nobody can fix it. And I have some good news for you today, my friend. God can fix it. God can wipe away all the past. God can heal your heart. God can renew your soul. God can change your future. God can even change your past. God can throw away the tapes, as Billy Graham said. He said it's like there are these tapes that we have of the things we did, the stuff we regret, the unfinished symphonies, the bad decisions we make. There's these tapes that play over and over, but God can throw the tapes away, if you give them to Him. God can fix it. Very often, even after many of us have become Christians, or we've gone through a re-creation, we've been transformed, we mess up again, and now it's like we don't have an excuse. But guess what – after you become a Christian, surprise, surprise, you're still going to mess up, you're going to screw up, you're going to disappoint, you're going to let people down, you're going to have flaws, that's why we do our best and forget the rest. Very often when we think about that, especially after being a believer, we feel embarrassed. Here's what you can say about your past, and especially your mistakes, that man or that woman is gone. She's dead and buried. He's dead and buried. It's gone. The past is over. And that brings us to this next part. It is so important in life that we never stop re-creating ourselves. That we never stop continuing the path of reinvention of the self, of transforming. This is so important. We forget that this happens to Biblical characters all the time. Peter, when he's Jesus' closest ally, he's the one everybody looks up to, when Christ is crucified, Peter denies Christ three times. And even after Christ is raised from the dead and He's full of the spirit, Peter still will not allow Gentiles to come into the church until He has this epiphany, this huge like exposure to God. And many of us are that way. We think we're there, we think we've arrived and then we have these huge mess-ups. I know for me, even as a pastor, and as a husband, and as a father, there are so many little things and big things that I regret, sermons that I'm like man I can't believe I preached that, things that I said to my wife or ways that I wasn't there sometimes for my kids or my friends. All of us have this stuff. We have this stuff in our lives. And it's so easy to just feel like this is who I am, and I just regret it, and oh, just let it weighing you down constantly. It's time to let go of those things. It's time to let go of the past, and step into your calling and into your destiny, and to continue to transform your life into the person God's called you to be, the person you're born to be. It's interesting, there's going to be a few physicians who are probably going to shift in their seats a little bit. I'm not a scientist, so forgive me, but it's interesting to me how even your body is always changing. My dad said this once to me and I thought there's no way that's true. He said your body is not the same body you had seven years ago because your cells regenerate. I said there's no way that true, and I looked into it and it's kind of true. And I got to say kind of true, it's not totally true, but it's more like 15 years. You have 37 trillion cells in your body and your skin cells get replaced like every few weeks.

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Your bone cells get replaced every 15 years or so, but they still get replaced. That means, except for like maybe your spinal cord and part of your brain, the man my wife married 20 years ago is in a different body. That's kind of weird, isn't it? Like you're literally physically a different person. Who knows. It reminds me of a great philosophical question. If you're in college, you might have talked about this – the ship of Theseus, or the Theseus paradox. King Theseus who founded Athens, saves a bunch of children, and to commemorate the date, the Athenians sail the Theseusian ship every year for like hundreds of years. But as the years go by, they replace a mast, they replace a sail, they replace a plank, they repaint the thing on the side, until eventually every nail, every piece of wood, every piece of cloth is different than the original. And somebody asked the question – is this even the same ship? Is it the same ship? What do you think? I don't know. I mean it looks the same, it floats the same, but it's all different. Or how about even this – your favorite baseball team. Every one of those players gets replaced. Is the baseball team you love the same team as your dad's team? No, especially if it's the Angels. Don't get me started. As Jerry Seinfeld said, you're literally rooting for the close! You're rooting for the close! You're rooting for the close! The point is, everything's changing all the time. And we ought to celebrate, in many ways, that your body, your spirit, your mind, your experiences, your stories, they're always changing. You're a different person today than you were five years ago. You don't have to allow your past to drag you down to keep you from where you're supposed to go. You can let it go. You're a new creation. Give your past to God. See when you give your past to God, you get a new future. Boy, isn't that true? When you give your past to God, you get a new future, you get a new vision, you get new friends, you get a new path, you get a new philosophy. Everything in your life is the result of your philosophy. You want a new life? Become a new person. You want life to get better? You get better. Life gets better when you get better. You begin to attract the things into your life that you want because you've changed. Celebrate the fact that you're different now than you were even yesterday. You're different even now just by hearing what I've said. If you've really heard it, you're already different than you were when you came into the door. Thank you, Lord. I want to tell you that the bad habits of your parents, the bad habits that you learned when you were a kid, they don't have to be your bad habits. We inherit so much from our parents, most of it is very good. I'm grateful from what I got from my parents. But many of us, we also inherit some bad stuff, too. Did you know there's a study that says that most boys make, when they become adults, about what their fathers made, financially? Isn't that interesting? So doctors.. male sons tend to make about what doctors make. Same for attorneys, same for construction workers. That's also true for gangs. Did you know Kendrick Lamar's dad was an infamous gangster? The famous rapper who was a blood. Very often in life, we say unconsciously to ourselves something like I'm just like my mom, I'm just like my dad. Or even worse, our spouse says it to us. You're just like your mom, you're just like your dad. I'm.. no! But the alcoholism, it chases some of us. The poverty, the abandonment, the constant negativity, the anger, the disappointment, the blues, the sins. They chase us like they chased our parents. But here's the good news – negative generational habits can stop with you. You can stop the chain! It may be that your parents, parents, parents, parents, parents did that same thing, it can stop with you. It doesn't have to carry on. You don't have to let the future look like your past. You can forgive. You can be forgiven. You can become a new creation. And most of all, my friend, you can forgive yourself. You can come in line with the word of God that says you're forgiven, that you're a new creation, that there's no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, that it all died on the cross; that God is for you seventy times seven. How many times will God forgive you? He will just keep forgiving you as long as you keep saying you're sorry. That is the rule, and that is how good God is to us. Beware ruminating. When we think about the past, it's easy to dwell on it constantly; to always talk about it, to feel the comfort of sympathy but to almost become addicted to it to the point where it becomes our identity. Here's what ruminating looks like. It means persistently saying my ex, my ex, my ex. Ruminating looks like my parents, my parents, my parents. It looks like my trauma, my trauma, my job, my old job, my old boss, my old church. Yes, we don't want to shove it down, yes it's good to talk about it with a loving friend on occasion, but don't let it become your identity. Don't let it be the thing that's always on your mind. Clinical research has already shown, actually, that there's a danger in persistently talking about these things over and over. Understand, yes you've been hurt, yes you've been harmed, but people do what they do according to their nature. This is one of the best bits of wisdom I can give you to find peace today, my friend. People do what they do according to their nature. Jim Rohn gave a great story, and I never got this story, I never liked the story, I always fast forwarded when it came to this story until a couple of years ago, I got burned.

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I got burned by a guy I thought was my friend, and I said he'll never burn me because it would burn him, too. Why would he do that, and yet he still burned me. Frog and the scorpion story goes like this. Scorpion comes up to a frog and says my dear friend, I need to get across this creek. Scorpions can't swim. Can I ride on your back? Frog says to the scorpion, no way! What do you think I am, a dummy? I would never let you ride on my back. The scorpion says, my dear friend the frog, you're not thinking. If we're swimming across the creek and I sting you, we're both going to go down into the water. Why would I do that? And after some convincing, the frog said, well the scorpion isn't such a bad guy, he's right. We're not both going to go down. So the scorpion crawls on the frogs back, they begin to swim across the creek and then what happens? Right in the middle at the deepest part, the scorpion stings the frog. And the frog cannot believe. He cannot believe it. And as they're sinking, the frog says to the scorpion, why, we're both going to die. Why would you sting me? And the scorpions response is, dear frog, I am a scorpion. Some people are scorpions. See I don't get mad anymore at rattlesnakes for biting me. Rattlesnakes do what they do according to their nature. I don't get mad at fish for being slippery. And although I'm still working on this, I don't get mad at birds for targeting my car. Everybody does what they do according to their nature. So today, we can learn to forgive. I want to encourage you, if you forgive people from your past, how much blessing you're going to invite into your life. How much joy you're going to invite into your life. Some of you need to forgive a doctor. Some of you need to forgive a kid. Some of you need to forgive an enemy, a neighbor, a competitor. Just watch – when you forgive these people, you're going to open your life to blessing. It doesn't mean you let the scorpion on your back. But it means you just say scorpions act like scorpions. What does it mean? It means you learn from it. You learn from it and you let it go. Learn from the past and you will be set free. Learn from the past. Don't waste a tragedy. None of us want to go through a tragedy, but every tragedy has some wonderful gift within it if you're willing to receive it. Most of us are not. Here's what Aristotle said when somebody asked him well what is wisdom, and here's what he said; something like this – he said wisdom is experience plus reflection. All of us have experiences. What are we missing? The reflection. We're so glad to get through the hard time, we're so glad to be over the bump, we're so glad to get through the battle, that we just want a bite to eat and a nap. We don't want to reflect on it. We don't want to write down scorpions have claws and a little thorn on the back. Look out. That's our problem. Finally, last thought. Every time we learn from experience, we grow and that is really the point of life is to grow. Life gets better when you get better. Life grows when you grow. Life improves when you improve because you attract all that you want into your life. A house is being built, which is your life. This house is being built right now. Peter, St. Peter used the illusion of a living stone. A living stone. He said it's like we're all like living stones, and we create this new living temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells. C.S. Lewis said it this way, to the individual. He says you invite God into your life, and imagine your life is a house. And so He comes in and He begins to fix the house. He repairs the roof, He cleans out the gutters, He fixes the squeaky handle on your door, and all of those, those make sense; fixing the plumbing, that all makes sense. But then He starts to knock things around, begins to knock down a wall, put up a wing here, a few towers, He adds an extra floor, He starts putting in courtyards, and it all hurts abominably and you think what is He doing? What is going on? And this is what C.S. Lewis says. You see we all wanted this like neat, quaint, beautiful little cottage, but He's building a palace because He intends to live there Himself. Tends to live there Himself. We usually have something much smaller in mind from God when we think about our lives in the house He's building. Putting up towers and laying down courtyards is uncomfortable, if not outright painful, and these changes we go through, they're difficult but they make us who we are. May the Lord make a great house out of you. That's my prayer for you today. Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. God does not make little cottages. He makes palaces because He intends to live there Himself. And let me tell you, God never gives up on you. Never give up on yourself. Disneyland was in the news recently, might have heard, because they're expanding the park. They're going to grow into two big areas, looks really exciting and a lot of people are all a-buzz. It reminds me of this thing that Walt said back in the day that I find really inspiring. He said Disneyland is never complete. It's never complete. Isn't that inspiring? Think of all the great men and women in our history, they do a project and then they say it's complete! Don't touch it, don't mess with it, don't change it. It's perfect. But not Walt, he says what makes Disneyland special is it's never complete. Keep making it better. I got to remind myself of this every time a like awesome ride is closed and my son is crying. Like Disneyland is never complete. And he's like I don't care! But I think it's inspiring. And so I think its inspiring when we look at our own lives that way, that I will never be done working on me.

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I will never be done learning the skills, praying the prayers, reading the books, listening to the sermons, listening to the speeches, I want to keep growing. I want to touch as many lives as I can. I want to reach as much as I can. I want to experience as much as I can. This is what life is about. About making the best house I can in the time I have here. Let it be said that Bobby Schuller is never done. That's my name, by the way. That Bobby Schuller is never.. that I'm never done. It may be true of you, as well. See I want to be the best house I can be. And if that's true for you, you've got to let go of your past. You just have to. Even if it just happened, you've got to let go of it. Don't allow your past to keep you from your destiny. Don't allow your past to keep you from where you're supposed to go. It's like a parachute, you've been running with a parachute on. You've been running with a ball and chain. God can set you free from those things. I want to encourage you before you leave here today, there's no reason to live not at peace with God. You can be at peace with God today. I want to encourage that in this last moment, you have an opportunity to pray a prayer in your heart to invite Jesus Christ into your heart. He laid His life down on the cross for you and for me that our sins could be forgiven and that we could receive eternal life. And maybe you just know you're not in a right place in your life, you can start fresh today. You don't need to raise your hand or stand up or come down, you can simply just right where you are say Lord, forgive me, come into my heart, make me a new creation and your home will be in heaven. If you do that, text me the word HOPE and you will be saved. All right, stand with me. We're going to pray together. Father, we thank you that you love us just as we are and not as we should be. We thank you, God that you believe in people who are willing to work on themselves, to become disciples. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us our past, forgive us our mistakes, help us to let go, help us to forgive others, help us to forgive ourselves, and help us Lord to endeavor to what you've called us to. We don't want to give up or quit or lay down, Lord, we want to continue on the journey, in Jesus' name, and all God's people said, amen.

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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.