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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: Welcome church family and visitors. It is always a joy to be with you. The Bible says that faith without action is powerless. So today, let's put our faith into action and worship the Lord out loud and with all that is within us. Thank you for being here. We love you and you are so loved.

BS: Amen. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we come here today to honor you. We come here with the first day of our week saying we start it with you, Lord, and we thank you, God, that you have our future and our lives in your hands. We don't have to worry today or be afraid or be kept up at night thinking about these things. Lord, we can look to you and know that you have got it sorted out. We love you and 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 – 1. Samuel 8:17-19, 11:14-15 – Hannah Schuller

You may be seated. In preparation for the message, would you turn with me in your Bibles to 1st Samuel 8:17 and 11:14. Now the scripture is not going to make a lot of sense just reading it straight off like this, but Bobby's going to explain it in his message, so you'll understand. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day. But the people refused to listen to Samuel. No, they said, we want a king over us. Then Samuel said to the people, come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship. So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul the king in the presence of the Lord. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – You Don't Need a New King, Just a New Heart

I feel very strongly that today's sermon is going to be a gift for you. It's going to lead to success in your life, to victory, to open doors, to new relationships, to winning experiences, and yet, the core of the message is not about any of that. I think this message is going to be a gift, but in order for you to get this gift, you're going to have to pay. Pay what? Pay attention. All right? You're going to have to pay. It comes with a price and that price is your attention, especially the first half is a bit on the deeper side, theologically, and we need to tackle the first heavy bit to understand the second lofty bit; the easy, encouraging bit. Now as a pastor, one of the sad things about being a pastor is you don't really get to experience church anymore the way you used to before you were a pastor. One of the main reasons pastors are pastors is because they like church so much. They liked it so much, somebody was like 'you should be a pastor.' And so you actually lose, in many ways, the experience of what you enjoyed. And on rare occasion, as a pastor, you can visit a church, and I was able recently to visit a church. Went to St. Andrews Presbyterian; wonderful church. Pastor Jason Smith gave an amazing sermon, and this is what I brought with me. I brought this – this is about five dollars for a huge package of these from Amazon. And if you live in our house, you're going to find that these.. this is a freshy, but you're going to find that these are lying all over the place with all sorts of things written on them: in my car, in the bedroom, in random park bench. Some guy was walking along and there was a thing flapping in the wind because I left it there, along with my favorite Bible. I always have a new Bible because I'm always losing them, so I like to think that the Lord's giving them away. That's why everybody's like 'you never read the Bible' it's like no, I just lose them. No, but take notes.

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What I realized.. whenever I hear, especially a good sermon, I love to take a lot of notes; just keeping writing through the whole thing. And I find that for me personally it's hard to really track through a good sermon all the way. It's easy to track with a sermon that makes you feel good, but not necessarily with one where you're learning a lot. And what was so amazing.. I loved this sermon so much, that as it was winding down, I was looking around and there are all these people kind of checking out, checking their email. I had at least a half a page of ideas, of philosophies and things about the Bible I'd never known before, and I thought all these people are leaving here without this treasure. Nobody's taking any notes! And I thought why even come!?

So, all that to say, I know you can't just manifest like a genie a legal pad right now, but I want to encourage you to consider bringing this and bringing this, these two things, to church because the other thing about the Bible is you can write like little notes in it so when you go back and study, you can find the things that we said. But, if you have an I-phone and I think a Samsung has it, too, you have this on your phone. It will not bother me at all if you have your phone out and it looks like you're texting your best friend or your mother-in-law, or whatever, if you're taking notes, and you can look back, you'll track with the sermon better and you can talk about it with your friends and family after the service. Okay? So, here we go. We're going to talk today about the foundation for this really successful life that's made available to all believers. To talk about that, we need to talk about the core message of Jesus. Now imagine you and I, we're sitting across the table from one another, and you've been studying the Bible for a while and you think you got a feel for it. And I were to ask you if you could encapsulate the message of Jesus say into one phrase, what would you say? And I think.. yes, love is good, that's right. I think other people, because Jesus is described as a moral teacher, many people are going to start there. You're going to hear love your neighbor, right? Or you're going to hear maybe the golden rule. Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you. Something like that.

Or you'd probably hear something about what we call the gospel, about how Jesus is going to lay His life down. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world." None of these are wrong, but they don't really get the whole picture. All of these are parts of the whole. Now some of you have gone here long enough, you know what the answer is, and the answer is the kingdom of God. In each of the gospels, its mentioned.. I think in Matthew, it's mentioned over 50 times. The kingdom of God is like this, the kingdom of God is like that, the kingdom of God is like this. It's the core of the message, the kingdom of God. And this is what Christ, it's what the Bible wants to get across to us first.

Now this is actually not too complicated, but probably a lot of us would struggle. What is the kingdom of God? What does that even mean? You might struggle to come up with a clear definition. There are lots but here's a good one – the kingdom of God is the rule of God over other kingdoms. Now when we hear the word "kingdom," we might think of the Netherlands or England or China or the United States or other great nations of the world today that at times are competing or trading with one another. Those are some kingdoms. But the first kingdom that God is really talking about is my kingdom. In this room right now there are a bunch of spiritual crowns on each of our heads. Each one of us has our own little kingdom. And we learn that when we're born. What's the first word every human baby says or learns, almost always? NO! Right? We're NO! Right? What are we saying? You're not in charge here, right? Or if you're my son, you add a "way" on there – NO WAY! And really give it a little extra. And so, so much of life is actually a negotiation of spiritual kingdoms and compromises. There are other kingdoms, as well. Like the ones we spoke of. There are business kingdoms, there are school kingdoms, right?

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And then there is a shadowy kingdom called the kingdom of darkness, which is also at work to deceive people, mainly by making them scared. The kingdom of darkness is totally based on deception. When we lie in any way, we're participating in this kingdom and establishing its reign in our lives and the lives of others. And so what we're talking about when we say the kingdom of God means that God is going to rule over these spiritual kingdoms in a good way. That might sound ominous but it's not. Here's another way of saying what the kingdom of God is from a Biblical standpoint. The kingdom of God is on earth as it is in heaven. On earth as it is in heaven. Now many Christians think it's just about going to heaven, and that's great when we die, but no, the goal of the kingdom of God is on earth as it is in heaven. That when we are submitted to God's ways, that heavenly life comes to earth.

Now what a lot of people thought is we do that by law, by policy. We call these people utopians. On earth as it is in heaven. Many of you even now are saying hey that's great, but rule number one, we know utopia, we know heaven on earth does not happen because of law. The communist project of the 20th century proved that does not work. What looks good on paper ruins everything it touches – Venezuela, Soviet Union, Cuba. The idea of making sure everybody is taken care of and all this stuff, for whatever reason, if you do it by law, it doesn't work.

We have other utopians, theological utopians. We have in the past Christian kingdoms that were like that that made everything worse. Today, for example, countries like Iran say if everybody believed, if everybody just did this theological thing, everything would be better, and we see it made it worse in every case. So it doesn't happen via law, and even the Bible tells us that. That the law brings what with it? Brings death, spiritual death.

So this is what has to happen. The kingdom of God does not force its way on people, people have to believe in the idea and willingly submit their crown. That's what has to happen. We have to willingly submit for it to work. We have to decide that it's the best way for it to work. So this is how it works – it happens through a renewed heart, and we call this word "discipleship." It's the commitment that I'm going to transform and become a new person through the Holy Spirit and the Bible, so that I want what God wants. I don't love my neighbor because I have to, I love my neighbor because I love my neighbor. I've become a loving person. You see? That is when the kingdom of God reigns in my life. It's a thing that the Holy Spirit does in my life over time through the salvation, the working of the cross, and that is the kingdom of God. Amen. Hallelujah. Are you taking notes? I got a note taker over here! That's good. I got some notes going. That's good. And phones count. I see people over there, that's great.

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Now Jesus, remember, what does He say when He's here? Now in the Old Testament, they're talking about the kingdom of God. When Jesus is talking about the kingdom of God in the gospels, it's not a new idea. Here's what's new – everybody said the kingdom of God was going to come. What does Jesus say? The kingdom of God is at hand, or, its now, or, it's in you. What a revelation that is. The kingdom of God is in you. Whoa. So it's the rule of God in my life. When God is king of my life, things start to go better.

The kingdom of God is established in the Old Testament in the giving of the Torah. We might think it's in the covenant, it's really the giving of the Torah, the giving of the law. The Bible, remember, comes to us in parts. The first part we were given was the Torah – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. And that giving of the law establishes God's kingdom. The Ark of the Covenant is seen as God's throne. So here's the king on His throne on the mercy seat, Ark of the Covenant. Anybody seen Indiana Jones? Raiders of the Lost Ark? Okay. So that's the Ark of the Covenant. That's God's throne.

And then Israel, the nation of Israel becomes the borders of God's physical kingdom. And for 500 years after the exodus Israel is ruled by God as a king. God is their king for 500 years, and the way God administers His kingdom is through prophets and judges. And that's how it happens. Until we get into this verse that Hannah read in 1st Samuel.

Now in Samuel, what do we hear? All of a sudden the people want.. what do they say? We want a king. We want a king. This is the first time in the Old Testament God is dethroned. First time. Up until then, if you ask somebody in Israel who's the king of Israel, everybody would say the Lord is our king. But now they're saying we want a king. We want a king. What are they saying?

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They're saying this – God is not a real king. He's not a real king. And this spirit is still alive today in the church. We say oh, I want a king. Well God's not a real king. I mean you're not really going to solve my problems. He's not really involved in my life, right? And this spirit of we want something, a real king, is here.

And why do they want this real king? Because they want to be like the world. They want to be like their neighbors. They see all of their neighbors have a guy with a crown and a scepter and they're like we want one of those.

So Samuel goes to the Lord and he says Lord, they've rejected me. They want an earthly king. And you remember what God says to Samuel? My dear Samuel, they have not rejected you. They've rejected me. And what does He say to Samuel? He says I want you to go and tell them if they really want it, I'll give them a king. But here's what this king is going to do. He's going to recruit all their boys to drive his chariots, and all of their girls are going to have to work in his shops and warehouses selling perfume and the like, and he's going to take your money, and you are going to be his subjects, and you are going to lose the freedom that I give you.

Samuel goes back and shares this message with the people, and what do they say? No! No! No! We want a king. And so what does God say? Thy will be done. Now, when I read this story, it actually reminds me a lot of when the Israelites are coming out of Egypt in the exodus and they're sick of the boring food, and the boring walk around the wilderness, and what do they say? Take us back to Pharaoh! We want to be slaves again. Notice how when God is not in your life, this need for safety, for somebody to manage your life, this hunger for whatever comes over in your life.

Now the opposite is true. When God is king, there's freedom. Amen! When God is king, we get freedom in life. When God is not king, we are in bondage and we want it. We want the bondage. We want the chains. Because with the chains, comes our safety, our three square meals. Not for you or not for me, amen?

So, it's interesting. And when the Ten Commandments were written, they're not written as like one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. They're written in a story, in a narrative. So Moses is on Sinai and God gives him these commandments, and so what we did is we numbered them. But did you know in the Jewish tradition and the Christian tradition, we number them differently. If you ask a rabbi versus a Presbyterian minister what's the first commandment, they're going to give you different answers. Did you know that? And the rabbi is right, by the way. Here's what the rabbi will say. The reason for this, by the way, is I think in the west, we just love things to be like really specific. In the east, they say God is a rock, and so we say God is omnipotent. We just invent a word that's not in the Bible, right? God is my shepherd and we say God is omnipresent, this kind of thing. So that bothers us when a first commandment is very eastern.

Here's the first commandment in a Jewish tradition. It goes like this: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. That's it. This is how I taught my kids the Ten Commandments. Now what's the question here? Any experts? Any English fans in the house? That doesn't look like a commandment to me! How is that a commandment? It sounds like a statement. It sounds like an opening.. no it's a commandment. And here is the mystery, here is the mystery and why the Jews have kept this as the first commandment: I am the Lord your God. What do you think that commandment would be? It's not just a commandment, it's a promise. There's a clue. If you keep God as the Lord of your life, you will never go back to the house of bondage. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Freedom! Having God first in our life means that we have freedom, means that we have liberty, means that we are ready to go with our lives.

The problem then and now is this: it's not that God is last. Israel did not say we're done with God, we're walking away from God. This is not the problem. The problem is that God is second. You see? Now if you've not been to church before, well you'd say well that's not so bad. I mean if you got like a hundred things, a thousand things on your list and God's second place, that's pretty high on the list. That's pretty good, right, to have Him there in second. But we believe that God has to be in that first place. Has to be the first place.

Here's why – putting God second makes you chronically worry about whatever is first. And this is the truth. If money is the first thing in your life and God is second, you are chronically going to be worrying about money. If your kids, I know that sounds crazy, but if your kids are higher than God, you're going to constantly worry about your kids. You're going to micromanage them. You're going to smother them, you're going to make sure they're always safe, they'll never grow, they'll become anxious and incapable.

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If intellectualism and academic achievement is your number one thing and God is second, you're going to always feel like a fraud. If you yourself are always the one thing that's above God, you will always be crippled by anxiety. So when we put God first, we get freedom.

All right, the hard part is over. Did you get it through? Right here, focus. Come back to me. Come back to me. Here we go. The key to abundance, success and joy in all that you're looking for in life is seeking out the kingdom of God in your life. To take off that crown, and submit to God's ways in your life, to His wisdom, His life, His sacrifice and His power. Hallelujah.

And here's what we do when we do that. Here's the command to you today, my friend. Here's the key to abundant success and joy today – stop worrying. Stop worrying! Here's what the Bible says. It says don't worry. Don't worry about your life, don't worry about what you eat and drink, don't worry about what you wear. Anybody here ever worry about those things? Got somebody here. The only guy, one more. Come on. All of us worry about these things. What we eat, what we drink, what we wear. The wear is a funny thing, like oh do I look okay? I realized I was doing that even with this shirt. I don't have a jacket today. Is that okay?

Look, I got a no? That's not okay? Many of us hear, when we hear don't worry, we believe that. We say yes, Christians should not worry. We should not worry. But we still do. We still worry a little bit. Why? Because, well we got to worry a little. Why? Because to not worry at all, well that's just not realistic. That doesn't feel realistic.

Here's what the Lord says, it's the most realistic thing you can do in life is to not worry, to give it to Him. But He doesn't leave it there, He doesn't just say don't worry, He goes here's how you do it. There's two ways. There's two things you can do. Here's the first one. The first one isn't just stop thinking about what's worrying you, its start thinking about, and you will be surprised. Here's the two things He tells us to think about. And nobody would have guessed this. Here's the first thing He tells us to think about is birds. Isn't that funny? Of all things. He's like you're worried about where you're going to eat. Here's what you start thinking about – start thinking about birds.

Now have you ever seen birds eat? Flying around in the morning, having a great time, eating all the bugs out of your backyard. It's fun to watch. Your cat is watching them go like this. It's fun. Birds swooping around. They're eating like crazy! And what does He say? That God's going to take care of those birds, and they didn't plan for those bugs to be there. He's going to take care of you.

Here's the second thing He tells us to think about. Not just birds, here's the second thing He says. He tells us to think about flowery fields. He says look at that field right over there. Last year we had a super bloom in California. It was gorgeous. Certain parts, especially along the coast, purples and yellow, bright flowers, and so He's like look at that field over there. Look how gorgeous that field is. Wow. He's like not even Gucci could have done that good of a job, right? Not even Luis Vuitton. No one can do that. In fact He says not even King Solomon in all of his splendor. We're a little disconnected from that. We should say like.. I still can't think of anybody else, so I'll just say Kim Kardashian. You know not even Kim Kardashian in all her splendor.

So He says just don't worry about it. Don't worry. What happens when we think about those things? God's universe is abundant. It is not lacking anything. It is overflowing with food. It is overflowing with sufficiency. And very often it's worrying about those things that are keeping us from accessing its abundance. What an irony. What an irony.

So what happens is when we start thinking about.. it seems trivial, but birds and fields and this type of thing, in God's faithfulness to the little things, we know He'll be faithful to us, His beloved sons and daughters. And it moves us from a mindset of scarcity to more than enough. Those of you who have made that move from a mindset of scarcity to an abundance mindset, you know the freedom that comes with. The irony is that the scarcity mindset, the mindset keeps your life scarce. It's very weird. It's a weird thing that I learned.

Here's why. Here's what happens when you get rid of all the fear and all the worry and anxiety is that you get the ideas, you get the spirit, you get the books, you get the friends, you get the tools, you get the clarity of the hard choices you have to make to get freedom. Sometimes we're not willing to see those either. And when you get that kind of clarity, you know okay if I make this choice, things are going to change.

Here's a major, major revelation, though. Many of us, when we think about what we think about, we think it's a battle of like you've got that classic like a little demon and a little angel on your shoulder, and they're like da, da, da, da, talking about the donut, should I eat it, should I not eat it. This is a real experience I had between services. I won! I won, but then I ate a cookie. Anyway.

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So we think we have this battle in our mind, and the key is to think about the good stuff more than the bad stuff, but that's not really what the Bible tells us to do. Here's the major, major revelation is that words trump thoughts. When you say something aloud, it immediately supersedes whatever thought you had. When you speak aloud, even if you don't really believe it, if you say it aloud, the negative thoughts go away.

Now I learned this from Keith Moore, and I think it's a great exercise, and it'll prove the point. I have an exercise for you. Will you do it with me? Some of you will? Or all of you will? Will you do it with me, please? Okay, here's what I want you to do. What we're going to do is I want you to count from one to fifty, okay, silently, in your head. So you're going to go one, two, three, sorry.. I know, I have to do it aloud to show you. But you know what I mean. You're going to do that by hum, not even hum, just okay? All right? We got it? Okay. And as you do that, I'm going to say a confession aloud and I want you to say the confession aloud while still counting to 50 in your head, okay? So you're going to be counting 50, but you're going to say what I say but you're still counting. I want you to keep the pace, and what number you're at, okay? Are you ready? Are you going to do it?

Okay start counting now. It went quiet. Jesus is Lord of life and freedom! (AUDIENCE – Jesus is Lord of life and freedom) Great. Still counting? How you doing? He always (AUDIENCE – He always) gives the victory! (AUDIENCE – gives the victory) to those who believe! (AUDIENCE – to those who believe). How you doing? Nineteen! Twenty! How'd you do?

Now here's what you notice. Now you're trying to do that, you're trying to do that, but as soon as you start speaking, it trumps whatever's going on in your head. It's the weirdest and most awesome revelation. That whatever you're feeling and thinking on the inside, you can immediately erase it, at least for a moment by speaking. By speaking aloud. Your brain literally can't hold the thought. You have to really struggle hard to hold onto that negative thought if you start speaking the positive stuff aloud. Give yourself a hand if you counted. Some of you did.

Joshua 1. Here's what Joshua 1 says. It says "be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be (AUDIENCE – successful) successful wherever you go. Keep this" follow with me with your eyes, "keep this book of the law always on your" mind! Whoa!

What's the next word? (AUDIENCE – meditate) Okay, you can get rid of that. Meditate. Meditate. This word in Hebrew is the word "Hagah." Everybody say Hagah. Now when we think meditate, we're thinking about that guy at Whole Foods, right? That taught us how to do the deep breathing. There's nothing wrong with that, it's probably good to get your heart rate down or whatever. That's not what this is talking about, okay? Meditate here, Hagah, is something you say aloud. If you look at it in the Bible, or if you see people at the western wall, these guys doing this, reading aloud, that's Hagah. Hagah, yes, is meditating in the sense that it's being obsessed and fix on an idea, but it is first and foremost saying it over and over. You can also translate that with the word "chant." Chant.

Hagah is something you do with your voice. To meditate, that means what you do with your voice. So what are you meditating on? What are you meditating on? What are you meditating on is what you are saying over and over. Wow, what a revelation. What you're meditating on is not what you're thinking about over and over, it's what you're saying over and over.

So listen to the tenor of this. Listen to the tenor of this, okay? What are we going to do? You're meditating, huh? What are we going to.. how are we going to get Johnny new shoes? Huh? What are we going to wear? Listen – what if he sues you? Right? Not Johnny, but it's a different one. Right? How are we going to pay the rent? So when you say this, listen to the spirit of that, the tenor of that. See this is what worry does. Fear. It likes to share it. It likes to share it, likes to kind of like spread it around. Here you take a little bit. We feel like if we share it, maybe it will help us. I'll just get somebody else to worry for once.

Faith never puts pressure on people. And when we meditate on the word of God, we are not saying those things because the Bible does not say worry about what you're going to wear, worry about what you're going to eat, worry about your house. No, it says, look at the birds. Isn't that funny? I love it. Okay. Faith never puts pressure on anybody.

Here's what happens when we start believing, when we start saying the scriptures aloud and start saying positive things aloud, it trumps our negative thoughts, and we start asking good questions like what's possible for someone like me? For a middle aged American today, what's possible, and the answer is a lot is possible for someone like you, and someone like me.

We start to say things like what are some solutions? What are we not seeing as a team, as a family, as a group, and most of all, what does the Bible say about this? And do we believe it?

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And we can say yes, I believe. Say it with me – yes, I believe. I mean just look, even if you don't believe, saying yes I believe. Look at how much power it gives you like in your bones to say aloud what is good and what is worthy to believe. Confess the word. Confess the word, and your life, the worry, the anxiety will come down, and you'll begin to train your mind, not by thinking positive thoughts, but by speaking positive thoughts that give you the thought. Does that make sense?

This is a gift, my friend, I'm telling you. And here's what we're doing when we're doing that. We're seeking the kingdom. Don't be so loyal to your feelings. I mean, loyalty to your feelings is not going to get you where you want to go. Has it helped you this far? Feelings are important. They're telling us something. But here's what we should be loyal to, what we can be loyal to is the promise of the kingdom. The bigger life. A better life. Availability of God's spirit in us today. Amen. So seek the kingdom. Seek the kingdom.

And that's the final thought. Seeking the kingdom means serving others, it means loving others. The more you serve people, the more you love people, the more you give, the more you're going to invite abundance into your life.

Anxiety by definition is obsessing about yourself and your problems. That's what it means. So it's weird how whatever you're anxious or worried about, if you worry about somebody else's problem, you become less worried.. it's weird, like if I'm worried about one thing and I'm like no I'm going to worry about this person for now, it's like I worry about your problems, but I'm not that worried about it, because I got a real problem, you know, you see what I'm saying?

So here's an example. Let's say you're anxious in social situations and you go to a party, and you're feeling anxious at the party. Instead of focusing on how you feel anxious in a group of people, find somebody else there who might be anxious at a party. And what do you do? You go and you help them feel less anxious at the party. Believe it or not, that's seeking God's kingdom because you're serving someone else.

Or let's say you're having financial hardship. Instead of focusing on your financial hardship, find somebody else who has financial hardship, and maybe you don't have two nickels to rub together, but maybe there's something you can do to help that person with their financial hardship, and just watch how your mind begins to open up to your own solutions.

Or, maybe you're just wanting to hear from God and you're worried about that, your quiet time, and you find somebody else who's looking for that touch from God, and you go and you ask to pray with them or serve them, and just watch how you yourself find that need fulfilled. It's the great irony of the kingdom of God. It's the upside down-ness that when we stop seeking after money, the money comes when we start seeking after God. When we stop seeking after all these things, it's so weird. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and some of these things. Anybody? And all these things. Amen. That's exactly right. Amen.

God's going to He's going to give you all that you need, my friend. Today you can leave here and let your shoulders drop and not worry anymore. Isn't that great news?! Confess this with me. I desire! (AUDIENCE – I desire) Come on, guys. Let's pretend like this is the 9:30 service. I did the same thing to them. Let's pretend it's like 1:00. You've already had your coffee and you're ready to go. Here we go. Confess this with me. I desire (AUDIENCE – I desire) more than anything (AUDIENCE – more than anything) God's kingdom (AUDIENCE – God's kingdom) in my life (AUDIENCE – in my life). Let's say it again. I desire (AUDIENCE – I desire) more than anything (AUDIENCE – more than anything) God's kingdom (AUDIENCE – God's kingdom) in my life (AUDIENCE – in my life). Say I believe! (AUDIENCE – I believe) I believe! (AUDIENCE – I believe) Doesn't that feel great for those of you who did it? Wow. There was a lot of power.

Stand with me. We do believe, Lord, and we thank you. We thank you God that you have the power. It's true. That you have the whole world in your hands. You have our future, you have our problems. Ten years from now we're going to look back on this and tell this story of the victory that you had in our lives, so we're going to stop seeking all these things. We're going to seek your kingdom. We're going to serve and love our neighbor. We're going to use our words to bring our heart and mind in alignment with you, and we're going to leave here full of faith, full of life, knowing that you break chains, knowing that you can do it all. Lord, we love you, and we thank you, and we thank you that you love us just as we are. Thank you for the cross Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray, and everybody said, amen.