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### GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – BS/HS

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

HS: Hello visitors and church family. We're happy you're here, and how incredible is it that Jesus Christ is also with us right here, right now. It has been amazing to see multiple people we've prayed for, now multiple people with cancer who have been healed. And even Elizabeth, who is here today, she was prayed over last night of healing, her very next doctors' appointment, the doctor said all of her numbers are up, even better, higher than they were when she was healthy, before she had cancer. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Father. If you need a miracle today, behold Jesus right now as your Lord in your life, and what He did for others, He will do for you. You are loved.

BS: Another great miracle is that people still came to church, even though its daylight savings. But welcome! It's going to be a good day today and we're so honored that you would be here with us. We want you to know we love you, no matter who you are, we're just so honored that you'd be here to celebrate with us, and we pray that you leave here encouraged, and full of spirit. Lord, we come to you in the strong name of Jesus! Thank you for the renewal of our lives, the forgiveness of our sins. Thanks for fresh vision, thanks for lifting us up, for healing us, for giving us love for our neighbor and for you in our hearts. We are just so grateful for all that you've done, and it's in Jesus' name we pray, and all God's people said amen.

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

### SCRIPTURE – Deuteronomy 26:5-11 - Hannah

In preparation for the message, Deuteronomy 26:5-11. And then you shall declare before the Lord your God, my father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given to me. Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before Him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household. Amen.

### Interview Bobby Schuller (BS) with Baylor Wilson (BW)

Baylor Wilson is a singer-songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee. Growing up, she participated in competitive cheerleading, but also taught herself how to play guitar in order to cope with family struggles. While cheerleading didn't pan out, she pursued music and moved to Nashville for college. During her college years, she received the opportunity to be on the television show, Survivor. Upon the show's completion, she had her music career on track and secured a publishing deal, however, an invitation to a night of worship would change Baylor's life and career forever.

BS: Baylor Wilson, hi, welcome, so great to have you in the house today, all the way from Nashville. Tell us a little bit about your story. You've got a really interesting backstory where you were on the Survivor, and you're a country music singer. We heard a little bit of it in the intro but tell us a little bit more.

BW: Yes, I grew up in Dallas, Texas, with a cheer coach as a mom. She was a single mom, and she needed a job, so she opened up a cheerleading business.

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And I was flipping and tumbling and stunting at the age of five years old because I was bored, honestly. I'm flipping in this gym and I'm so grateful I did that because it kept me busy and kept me out of trouble, and also taught me tons of discipline in the sport of cheerleading, which led me into singing because in high school, my family was kind of falling apart, and I needed something to get all the feelings out, the angst. So I picked up a guitar and started teaching myself music, songs, and then that led into songwriting which led me to meet the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, anyone know who that is? Yes, come on.

BS: Oh man, there's a.. really, I never heard of that band, but a lot of people seem to know them. That's great.

BW: (SINGS – you and me go fishing in the dark) anybody? All right. So I met Jeff Hanna, the lead singer, by happenstance, but really it was Jesus sovereignly planning my whole life out, and he told me to move to Nashville. So yes, I moved to Nashville and that's how I got there.

And then I went to Belmont University and somehow ended up on the show Survivor which is crazy. I'm so thankful for that. And all throughout that time, I was looking for Jesus, I just didn't know exactly where to find Him until He found me.

BS: Now I know you said that you sort of had the label of a Christian, a lot of people do. It becomes like my nationality is American, my religion is Christian. But there's a difference between that and having a real radical personal ongoing relationship in the spirit. How did that happen, and that actually ended up shifting you from country into being a worship leader, so tell us that story.

BW: It was a big, big shift. I was a year out of college, living in Nashville, trying to make it in country music, and I was miserable, honestly. And I didn't really tell anyone that, I kind of lived like a positive Polly thing on the outside. A friend of mine invited me to a worship night, and I was like okay I'll show up. Why not. And I showed up to the address she sent me, which I thought would be a church. It was an auto body car shop. God can move anywhere.

BS: Absolutely, yes.

BW: And I remember walking in and thinking what denomination is this? But I walked in and what I experienced was the tangible presence of God. His holiness, the worship in the room was just acoustic and voices, and it was enough power and presence for me for my entire life to change. I repented, turned my life to Christ. Went back to my country music friends and cowriters and was like hey y'all, I just want to write Jesus songs. I don't know. And they thought I was a little crazy, but it was amazing. And then they said, what happened to you, Baylor? And before I knew the Christiany thing to say, I said Jesus happened.

BS: Now, that actually is the song you're going to sing here just a minute. I got to hear it in the first service. A wonderful song. And that's how you came up with the title then is from that is this phrase just came out of you, like Jesus happened. Like it's this life event.

BW: Yes, huge life event, and it was all I could say, because I literally didn't fully understand yet at that time. I remember thinking I don't know, but I have different desires, dreams, hopes, and I'm in love with Jesus - this invisible God that's incredible and died for my sins. And yes, people thought I was a little crazy, but then the Lord has led me into this beautiful community now, and obviously now singing Christian music, and I'm so grateful.

BS: I love that as a musician, it wasn't the sermon, but it was really.. I mean maybe the sermon helped, but the part you mentioned was the music, that it was the worship service that really drew you to God. I had an experience like that when I gave my life to Christ, also worship. Is that a big part for you being a worship leader, you understand that like man, people really get a sermon when you're singing right?

BW: Yes, absolutely. I think music is like the saying says, the universal language, and so there's this beautiful power behind melody. I mean David was a worship leader, and I think we all are in our own ways, whether we can sing or not. It doesn't matter, He loves our worship and so if you're genuinely worshipping from your heart to His, the presence of God will come. And that's what was happening is they had set the atmosphere for salvation for me.

BS: What's a sort of sermon, in a way, you're singing or preaching about a lot. I mean a lot of people are going through tough times right now, there's a lot of fear about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, we're still on the tail end of, hopefully, of COVID and all of that stuff, but you never know, and then there's all this stuff. And then all the personal stuff that comes with that. People are going through tough times, Christians, too. I'm sure you've gone through tough times. What kind of word is God putting on your heart in this season of your life for people that are going through trials?

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BW: For me, honestly, the personal word that I keep flipping to in the Bible and hearing in my spirit is return. Return to your first love, return to Him, to maybe your Jesus happened moment, or if you've never had one, come for the first time. Return to Him because He's coming back, and it's really exciting, and that's what keeps me moving forward is that this is not our home, that we get to live with Jesus one day, and yes, this is a really tough time, and this is a very dark world we live in, which is exciting that we don't have to live here forever.

BS: Yes, amen. And it is a great word to return, and even to remember, right?

BW: And remember.

BS: I'm talking about that today, this idea of returning.. I love it. Of coming back from exile, like Babylon or Egypt. The freedom that God brings, the spirit of the Lord, there's freedom and you want that for people. It's a good word.

BW: Absolutely.

BS: Well, if you want to know more about her music, check out Baylor Wilson at [baylorwilson.com](http://baylorwilson.com). You can probably get it on like I-Tunes and stuff, too, and Spotify and all that.

BW: I-Tunes, Spotify, all of it.

BS: Yes, great. Baylor Wilson, thank you so much. Thanks..

BW: Thank you, Bobby.

BS: ..for leading us in worship. We appreciate you.

BW: Thank you so much.

BS: God bless you.

BW: God bless you.

### DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Whoever you are, would you stand with us? Hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving from the Lord. We're going to say this creed together as we do every week: 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. Its 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 the world. Amen!

### MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Give God a Little and He Will Do a Lot"

I believe that there are many people that are watching and that are here today that God is calling you to make an uncomfortable sacrifice for the better good. That there are these moments in life when we're called to do something that's responsible, honorable, life-giving, meaningful, but hard, and sometimes really hard. We're going to talk today about why when we know in our hearts we're supposed to do those things, why we ought to trust God with our sacrifice. And why that sacrifice should never be half-baked, it should never be a half-step, but it should be our very best, and it should be with all our hearts. And how that type of a response to God's call in our life honors God, brings dignity to our life, but also is practical. That it actually benefits you and will benefit the intent of that sacrifice and will likely have a cascading effect of other benefits that you can't think of before you do the thing God's called you to do. See the thing that God calls you to do does benefit you, but it usually doesn't benefit just you, it usually has a cascading benefit to those around you that you can't foresee. I remember, and I have seen many times where people made big sacrifices for God when it hurt the most, and how much it blessed them and helped other people, and I want to encourage you to do that. I remember Don Trotter, who was a neighbor of ours, and a wonderful man, when I was in high school, had a struggling business, I think it was in insurance, and he barely was making ends meet, and he felt like God was calling him to just open his house to teenagers to do this thing called Thursday Night Teens, to just host kids, and they could come over and hang out and have a safe place to eat pizza, maybe have some worship, but it was mainly about getting kids together who maybe didn't have a place to go. And he did that, and he said that over that year, his business just exploded. He didn't do it; we're not preaching prosperity gospel. It's not that he did it for that necessarily, but so often we throw the baby out with the bathwater when God loves to bless people when they plant seeds. God loves to bless people financially. God loves to bless people with life and health, and good relationships and these things do matter to God. So for him, his world opened up and even though it hurt to sacrifice for teens, so many teens' lives were changed, including mine, but also, he was blessed, you see? Or a girl, I remember one time when I did this.

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When you're a teenager, who knows when you go to a new school as a teenager in high school going up to someone and saying, 'do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior' isn't going to get you going very well with girls, it's not going to make you very popular. I did that many times, even though socially it made me uncomfortable. And I remember going to a new school, not knowing anybody, being so excited at being invited to a party, and it was one of those parties. I mean it was drugs and booze and people sleeping in rooms together, and as a new Christian, I was super uncomfortable, but I felt like I had to pray for and share my faith with this one girl, and her life was totally transformed. It was so scary for me, but it was a sacrifice I had to make. Maybe there's something in your life you're supposed to do, whether it's walking away from an addiction, maybe it's switching off from your phone, or from a lot of the things that you compulsively do, to go on a walk more, spend time more in solitude or prayer with God. Maybe it's confessing a sin, maybe it's helping your kids more and being there for them instead of just turning on the TV when you get home. Maybe it's reconciling with somebody that hurt you or somebody you hurt. And it's even harder to do that, isn't it, reconciling with somebody that YOU hurt? That's hard. There are these things that are a core part of being a believer that God calls us to do, but my friend, first know that I love you, I am on your side, I am for you, and let me tell you, that when God calls us to do these things that require a lot of courage, do it! Do it with all your heart. Be willing to pay the price, and give it everything you've got, and watch as God blesses that sacrifice. So much of a religious life, a good religious life is sacrificing for God and seeing what those sacrifices can do for other people and for God's kingdom. And of course, that brings us to the story that so many of us are immersed in now; a story of sacrifice for the greater good, a story that we can't escape if we're on our phones or televisions or newspapers, and that is the story of Ukraine. We're all looking at it now, and maybe you're watching this live, maybe you're watching this two weeks from now, maybe you're watching this a month from now, but whenever you're watching this, kind of see this as a journal entry from today from Bobby Schuller. And I think there is something we can learn about the human spirit and about how our bodies are made by looking at the Ukrainian story. Maybe you're watching this a hundred years from now, you have no idea what's happening. I'll give you a little take. I want to first encourage you, if you want to know more about the Ukrainian story, to check out a great short film by Johnny Harris that just was out on YouTube. It's about 30-minutes long, and his analysis on why Putin has already lost this war. But here is the analysis. Putin has already lost. Intelligence told us before February 24th that Putin was planning to invade Ukraine under a false flag. Nobody believed it. And just before the invasion on February 24th, Putin sat at this desk, and gave an hour long, very smug, very bizarre speech where he said a lot of weird things, but it basically came down to this. Number one – Ukraine's not a nation, this is what he said. Ukraine is not a nation. It's a fake nation made by the Soviet Union, drawn up as a part of its bureaucracy. And by the way, if the Ukrainians didn't respect that and wanted to be disavowed from Russia, well then Russia was obliged and happy to take it back. The second thing Putin said in this bizarre speech is that.. oh and by the way, did you know.. this is Putin talking.. Ukraine is run by Nazis. That Nazis have taken over the country, even though Zelenskyy, the president of Ukraine is Jewish. Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction, huh? That country's run by Nazis, and the poor Ukrainian people are being controlled by Nazis, or whatever. And that this is a part of a NATO and western way to surround Russia with nuclear weapons and strong arm it into whatever the west, I don't know what he says the west is. And then the final thing is we're going to do, not a war, but a special military operation into Ukraine to bring freedom to the Ukrainian people. And this is going to be something we're going to do to help those people who are under the bondage of Nazi threat. And of course, on that day the tanks started rolling in, and the whole world, I mean everybody's heart skipped a beat. Whoever thought that this World War II style random invasion, seemingly, of Ukraine would even happen. I think so many people, including me and including Putin, thought it would be a couple of days and the whole country would be occupied, and Kyiv would be overthrown, Zelenskyy would be taken hostage, but the exact opposite happened. And the whole world has been watching as everyday people, teenagers, and grandmas have been volunteering to move injured people, and have been putting together Molotov cocktails, and have been volunteering for the militia. I just heard that they stopped taking volunteers to the militia because there's not enough room to train them. That there's a waiting list to serve in Ukraine. And the reason is, the Ukrainian people are willing to suffer for something greater. They know that this is a matter of life and death, not just for them but for their kids and their grandkids. They know that in Russia, if you use the word "war" instead of "special military operation" you get carted off to jail.

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In Moscow today, there are police officers that are picking random people and going through their phones to make sure that none of their emails or text messages go against the narrative. There is a full blown Orwellian “1984” state that has taken over in Russia. And the whole world, for once in a long time, is united on cheering Rocky versus the Russian guy. That’s what it reminds me of, even though its Ukraine. It reminds me of Rocky IV when Rocky’s supposed to lose. And many people are watching, and if you’re watching in the future, you probably have a greater idea of what’s happened, whether or not they’ll win. But probably the bigger issue is the fear that this will escalate, right, into Poland or become a nuclear thing. We’re not going to worry about that right now. Right now, we pray for peace. And we pray for the Ukrainian people. And we understand that what they’re fighting for is worth fighting for. Can I get an amen? That this is something we all understand, whether we’re atheist or Christian, no matter what our background in politics is, we all understand the value of liberty, and that being under the oppressive thumb of a guy who likes to ride horses with his shirt off, is not something I want, or you want. Amen? And this is something. I just want to pause in the middle of this message. There’s a reason I’m talking about this that has to do with your life, but I also think that the sacrifice the Ukrainians are making right now is one that needs to be dignified and honored. Can we take a moment and pause. The orchestra is going to play the Ukrainian National Anthem. If you want to stand with the Ukrainians with me, literally, I recommend you do that, and feel free during this time to say a prayer in your heart for peace. This is the lesson we learn that as we’re watching history unfold. First, even if Putin occupies and controls all of Ukraine, he’s already lost. He’s lost for a lot of reasons, but the biggest one was that he didn’t factor for anti-fragility, this great phrase from Taleb, the philosopher, that there are things that benefit from harm. That bamboo in Southern California, people who are from Southern California know if you have a patch of wild bamboo, whatever you do, don’t cut it down. If you cut it down, it grows back greener, stronger, bigger thicker. Or the human body when you train for a sport. If you lift weights, for example, your body, your muscles, if you look at them under a microscope are actually damaged. But the damage causes the muscles to become stronger, even younger, the bones to be more dense and for you to be more athletic. And in life, there are systems and there are things that benefit from a level of harm, and one of those things is a people, actually. And what you’ll see is that Ukraine’s soil is now soaked with Ukrainian blood, and that blood cannot be undone. So now if the country is controlled by Russians, Ukrainians, I believe, will never really give in. And there’s no way Putin can keep a huge military force in Ukraine and defend his own country. That’s why I think they’ve already lost. And the main point I want you to see here is that in life there are things that are worth suffering for, and the Ukrainians rightly believe that it is worth suffering to earn and maintain freedom and liberty. In life, there are things that God’s going to call us to do that are not as grand and noble as fighting for the freedom of our posterity, but God will still ask you in life to make a brave decision that may not benefit you directly, that will be a sacrifice, but I want to encourage you, my friend, give it your best, give it your all, do it with all your heart, and do it now. Do it because in life, the suffering that we think we’re going to face by being embarrassed, by losing money, by losing face, by not having the best position or whatever, whatever its going to cost you, whether it’s just eating crow or its literally going to cost you money or whatever, that living life for something is what makes life life! Life must be earned! And living life for yourself is no life to live at all. Living life for the benefit of someone else at personal sacrifice, especially if that person is the Lord, or if that person is a family member, or a neighbor, or a countryman, or whatever it is you know in your heart you’re called to do, do it! Do it now, and do with all your heart, and I believe that God will bless you for it, and you’ll be grateful. Down the road, you’ll be grateful that you did it. In the same way that the Ukrainians teach us that there are some things worth sacrificing for, and that suffering isn’t all bad in life, Mr. Beast teaches us that luxuries aren’t always what they.. you know who Mr. Beast is, by the way? Well, you’re about to find out. I didn’t know what this thing was in the background, but my daughter told me it was inappropriate, so it has something to do with Squid Game. I’ve never seen that; I don’t know what that show’s about. Apparently, it’s not good for church. So don’t email me, I’m sorry, I didn’t know that, okay? But this guy, Mr. Beast, is the biggest YouTuber now on YouTube, redundant. And last year he did \$54 million dollars. He’s 23-years-old. Isn’t that crazy? That guy made \$54 million dollars last year. And all of his shows are awesome. I watch them with Haven. They’re fun, and they’re always silly and they’re really clean, and I just love it. I heard an interview with this guy, Mr. Beast. His real name is Jimmy Donaldson. He lives in North Carolina. And when he was 11 years old, he just started making video game YouTube things. And pretty soon he started earning a dollar a day.

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And he said in this interview, I just started reinvesting that dollar a day: I'd buy a camera, then I'd buy some lights, I'd buy a little better computer, then I'd invest in the show. And now he's gotten to the place where he like.. he filled his.. as a prank, his best friend's backyard with a hundred million orbeez. You know what orbeez are? They're those little like slimy colorful balls that are full of water. Or he'll have like a hundred thousand dollars and have a bounty hunter try and chase him down, if he can get it in 24-hours he'll give him the money. Or he'll have like.. one he did was a hide and seek in a NFL football stadium. In this interview, they asked him why are you so successful, and he said I'm so successful because I'm not into luxuries. He's like.. a lot of YouTubers, when they get big, they buy a mansion in Malibu, they get a Lamborghini, they fly a private jet, and they're these 21-year-olds on a private jet. And he was like I'm not going to do that. He lives in a normal house, and he drives a normal car, and every dollar he gets, he reinvests back into his YouTube page. Because for him, that's where he derives meaning in life is creating these fun, interesting videos. He's like I don't need that other stuff, because I love what I do. Hannah was asking me, I don't understand, that doesn't make sense, I guess in the first service, but these are two sides of the same coin, you see? What Ukraine and Mr. Beast have in common, is that both of them understand that sacrifice; it's worth sacrificing for the thing that you love! Whether its Ukraine understands that suffering isn't as bad as suffering under the tyranny of Russia, and Mr. Beast understands that luxuries are vain! There's nothing wrong with them, you have luxuries, its fine, but that it's so much better to succeed at what you love doing. And that brings us to the Bible verse about sacrifice. When we make a sacrifice, that we ought to do it remembering where we came from, and that it ought to lead to like joyful celebration. We're going to read from Deuteronomy. So this is actually about what you do with your tithes and offerings, but it's really about sacrifice, in general. Remember in the bronze age, when the Old Testament, when the Jewish Bible was written, tithe was not money like it is for us. It's usually just right, money, but for them it was like cattle, or grain, or lumber, or stone, or whatever you did, you would bring ten percent in the very best and the first fruits you would bring it to the temple. And so this is how God tells us you should do it. There's a way that you do it. You don't just do it. There's a way. And it's like this for the Jewish people. "Then you shall declare" so this is as you're bringing your gift, you say "then you shall declare before the Lord your God, my father was a wandering Aramean" this is you talking to God "and he went" you know what that means, "wandering Aramean?" That means my father was a nobody. My father was from a tiny tribe nobody ever heard of without land. They're wandering. Without land. Just a nomad. "And he went down into Egypt with just a few people and lived there and became a great nation." Everybody say - great nation. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS – great nation) Right? They went from nobody to a great nation. "But the Egyptians, who were the greatest.. this is actually a lot like Ukraine and Russia, huh? That the biggest, baddest nation in that region. "The Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor." In other words, we were enslaved. "Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. With great terror and signs and wonders, he brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey." You know what milk and honey means? That means that the land produces both crops and pasture. It's good for farm animals. It's the ideal land for agriculture. "And now" and so he's saying, and you gave us this lush, wonderful place, Israel, and then you say "and now I bring the first fruits of that soil to you, Lord, that you have given me, and then you place the basket before the Lord, and you bow down before him. And then you and the Levites and the foreigners all whoever's residing around you, will all rejoice in the good things the Lord your God has given to you and to your household." Do you know what rejoice means? That's a party! You celebrate! Woo! Thank you, Lord! And what God is doing is showing us a method for godly sacrifice. The first thing is if you're supposed to sacrifice, you bring your first fruits. You know what that means? I've said it again – you bring your best. When you sacrifice for the Lord, don't do it begrudgingly. Don't do it because you got guilted into it. Don't do it with a half heart. But do it with ALL your heart, with enthusiasm, and with faith knowing that God sees what you're doing, and that you're honoring the Lord, your God. As you deliver the sacrifice to God, you in your heart remember what the Lord has done in your life. There are many Christians who keep a prayer journal, so they'll never forget how many prayers God has answered. There's a lot of wisdom in that. So often many of us are unhappy because we forget all the good that God has given us. Just the fact that you're in Irvine right now, in a beautiful, air-conditioned building, with the most fashionable people is something to be grateful for.

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And there's so much else that we get used to in life because we get it every day that so many others don't have, or that perhaps in your own lifetime you didn't have before. And so, God says remember, remember the good that I have, and never forget what it was like being on the backside of that unanswered prayer. Don't forget. That helps you have the heart when you bring a sacrifice, especially when it's for the benefit of your kids, or the benefit of the person you're caring for, the benefit of your church or your charity that you care about, or for your neighbor, or for somebody that's hurting, or whatever it is that God's calling you to do as a caretaker, that you remember that all you have God has given you because He loves you, and He's going to bless you even more because He loves you. So you don't have to worry when you care and love other people, and when you make a sacrifice for the benefit of others. God will give you way more than what you lost. Because of that then, the third thing is you just be joyful. You just be joyful. You just celebrate, you say thank you God. Thank you, God for all you've done for me. Can I tell you that when God prompts us to do a sacrifice for Him, very often it's a once in a lifetime opportunity, and that opportunity won't be there forever. You know you only have your kids once. You know your spouse, that's a gift from God to sacrifice for your spouse. There's no such thing as a perfect spouse, you know that, right? There's no perfect husband. There's no perfect wife. There's a such thing as a good man and a good woman, and you can love them just where they are. You can do that. You can sacrifice for them. And there's no such thing as a perfect neighbor, but there's somebody who's loved by God that deserves a friend. And there's no such thing as a perfect colleague – you know that, right? People you work with aren't going to be perfect, but there are people who deserve love and charity and forgiveness and mercy from someone who is forgiven by God. That's you, huh? Somebody who's loved by God that can show them that they're loved right where they're at. So in life, God will call us to make a sacrifice for someone or for something, and you usually, hear me, will not get a second chance. You will not be given a second chance, so do it. Do it! Do it. Do it with faith, give it your first fruits, do it with all your heart, and do it trusting and knowing that whatever you lose for the Lord, God will replace tenfold. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He owns all time. He loves you. He's for you and not against you. He's forgiven you and He will reward those who listen to His voice and respond with joy. And then just celebrate and don't worry about tomorrow. And don't obsess about yesterday. Just be right here and know that what God's called you to do, it's good, and do it and you'll do well. Father, we thank you, we trust our lives to you, and we ask, God, that you'd give us eyes to see. Many of us here, you are convicting us, speaking to us in the spirit, and I pray, God, that all of us when we hear the voice of the Lord, we would not turn away. That we would not make our hearts hard, but that you would soften our hearts to receive, and that we would be willing, joyfully willing to do what you've called us to do with all our hearts. We love you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen. Would you stand with us?

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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.