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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 welcome guests, welcome church family. We're so happy you're here. This morning let's remind ourselves of all God has done for us, and all He's provided for us, and let's worship Him today in spirit and in truth, amen.

BS: Amen.

HS: Thank you for being here.

BS: Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much for all that you've done for us, and all that you're doing. We love you, God, and we pray that your spirit will be poured down on us today as we seek your face. God, we love you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, all people said, amen.

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

SCRIPTURE – 2 Kings 2:9-13 - Hannah

Would you open your Bibles with me to 2 Kings 2:9.

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INTERVIEW – Havilah Cunnington (HC) with Bobby Schuller (BS)

Havilah Cunnington is an author, podcast host, and pastor who has served in ministry for over 20 years. She currently serves at Bethel Church in Redding, California as the women's pastor. Her new book, *Created to Hear God: 4 Unique and Proven Ways to Confidently Discern His Voice*, provides readers with a guide on how to recognize God's voice, and how it isn't as complicated as we think.

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BS: There is something really important about that public declaration, isn't there. I mean I think often about the Bible verse where Jesus says something like if you deny me before others, I'll deny you. If you acknowledge me before others, I'll acknowledge you before my Father, and I think often about how, even sometimes as a pastor, I kind of like try not to let people know I'm a pastor if it's my day off and I kind of just want to have my coffee. And I think that's not it. That's not it, brother. I got to be.. I don't get to choose a day off for the Lord. And as a women's pastor, I think man it's probably interesting.. probably a lot of women actually at Bethel asking you.. I mean it's a church that encourages hearing God's voice, receiving revelation from the Holy Spirit. I'm sure you've had a lot of coaching one on one, talking with women about how to hear God's voice.

One of my big questions would be.. and there's also probably people like in the secular world that watch this show that are thinking like are these people crazy? Are they hearing like audible, like Monty Python voices coming out of the sky or something. If you were going to tell someone who's either a new Christian, or someone that is not familiar with the faith, what we mean when we talk about hearing God's voice, I think there were like four or five things you mentioned in your book that I thought were super good. Can we talk about those and sort of like what we're talking about when we mean hearing God's voice?

HC: Yes, so you and I both know we're not looking for audible voices. If you are hearing consistent audible voices, then we would say, okay, obviously there might be another challenge. But we're talking about an inner knowing, a voice of the Holy Spirit that resonates within us. And I often was, as a young woman, and in ministry almost 30 years now, I find that my battle that I thought was my own, which is I don't know how to hear God's voice, I'm not sure, and the person across the way really knows. I found that I wasn't alone and that I thought everyone heard God the same way, and the way that I was taught how to hear was a specific method. And when I began to learn how to hear God's voice and teach thousands of people on how to hear God's voice, I found that we were not all hearing the same thing, and what I found was that it wasn't just my battle, it was a collective battle of people in the faith that say when you say God speaks, I don't know what you're talking about. Or, I can only think of this hero that knows what God is saying and I don't. And I don't know what to do about it. So I kind of really went on this journey to figure out how do we actually engage in hearing God's voice. And I call it prophetic personalities, like the five love languages. I find that God has given us this ability to connect with Him uniquely. I think one of the problems we've done is we have put everybody in the same box at our faith environments. Everyone hears God this way.

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And so what I found was there were four methods. So again, these are just ways that again, God doesn't need a strategy. We have the Bible. He can speak to us in any way He wants to, so we are not boxing God in to be sovereign and supernatural but I do want to start to unpack what are ways we can clearly identify. So I call it the knower, feeler, seer and hearer. So just simply it's this. The knower is the lightbulb. They're the one that knows something. It's like they walk in a room and they know. It's like when I was in the backseat of the car, and I knew I had to get out of there, there was a supernatural knowing. So I hear an audible voice..

BS: Like a gut thing, right?

HC: ..a gut. And it rises to the surface. It's like they say you know it in your knower. It rises to the surface. There's no visuals or audible or there's no angel, it's just I know. And a lot of people, honestly, a lot of my knowers feel like heathens in church because they don't have a seeing and a hearing and all the fireworks. They simply just know. It's like they know the truth, and they have this intuition and it's supernatural. So God speaks to a knower through an intuition, a wisdom, clarity, a prompting. Paul took Timothy instinctively. There are those of you that think you can't hear God, and yet you have an intuitively and supernaturally made decisions and life choices that have aligned with the will of God for your life. Then you have your seer. Your seer are those that God speaks to through pictures, imagery, imagery, dreams, visions. They're the ones that they see the orphanage being built and they're instantly filled with faith for it. Or God speaks to them in kind of a picture in their mind where they see it playing out.

BS: I feel like Shawn.. do you know Shawn Bolz? I feel like he's kind of that way.

HC: Yes! Exactly. Shawn is very much.. he's a friend of mine and he's very much like that. And seers are actually very unique. In fact, we gave a hundred and fifty five thousand people the prophetic personality test, and we found that the least amount were seers. So if you're a seer, you're on a unique level of hearing God through imagery, dreams and visions. Then you have your hearers. And your hearers are those classic, like you and I were taught that hearing God, I mean most of us were brought to the story with Samuel, which is Eli says to him, go lay down, ask God, speak for your servant is listening. That's how we were taught was that we would hear words, phrases, conversations, narrations. And so your hearers are the classic. They're the kind of the traditional. And they really have a conversational relationship with God. They have a play by play. They hear something, they go a little bit longer, they hear something else, and they're kind of classic journalers, they're really good at kind of documenting what God is saying and they have a lot of words. And then lastly, you have our feelers, and our feelers are those that God interacts with in a very emotional, physical way. It can be a burden, it can be an emotion of feeling His heart for somebody, or knowing what you're supposed to do, or how to actually pray about something. Feelers are those that when they go into an environment, they actually experience something physically. And so many times, we go well, does everyone experience that? No. Does that make them wrong? No. It makes them different. And what I've found is that all of us experience love uniquely, and all of us are created to hear God differently. And so the goal is not to compare, the goal is to figure out your primary way in which God interacts with you, and then grow in the other areas that are available to us.

BS: Awesome. I want to encourage you, if you're watching now, and you want to know, like which of those five ways you feel like you hear from God, to get a copy of Havilah Cunningham's book, Created to Hear God. Thank you Havilah for joining us. We appreciate you so much. And..

HC: Thank you for having me.

BS: ..we're looking forward to reading your book. God bless you. Thanks.

HC: Thank you.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

No matter who you are, we're so glad you're here. 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 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. 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!

Next week I'm going to change that creed, believe it or not. There's one word I'm going to change and you'll have to come back next week to see it. See that's what you got to do in the church business. You got to keep people coming back for more. So come back next week, and bring a friend, too.

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MESSAGE/PRAYER – Bobby Schuller "The Purpose Code: Cracking Life's Mission Blueprint"

BS: Today we're going to talk about this important human principle that I believe in the core of my being is key to every human life feeling alive; to every single person, every person here wants to make an impact with their life. I don't think every person here wants to be famous, I don't think every person here wants to be rich, I don't even think everyone here wants to be popular, but I believe everyone here wants to have a purpose, wants to feel like their life made an impact, wants to feel like they left it a little better than when they came here. You're at church, after all, right? We come to church to do better, to be better. And I just believe that every single person here, not only needs that, but is called to a great purpose from God. And this whole idea of what's my purpose, what's my calling, it's very confusing, gets a lot of people down, and so today we're going to crack the purpose code. I'm calling that the purpose code today: How do we Crack Life's Mission and Blueprint, and I hope you leave here with a clear idea of some simple steps you can take to build the thing that will build you up; to build the dream that will build you up; to build the goal that will strengthen you. And we'll begin with a really interesting old story from the Bronze Age about Elijah and Elisha. It's going to get confusing because their names are so similar. I'll do my best to differentiate. The rabbis in Jesus day saw Elijah, the elder, and Elisha, the younger, as the first rabbi/disciple relationship that ever exists in the Bible and they try to use it as a model for the ideal rabbi/disciple relationship, and we'll see why. First of all, Elijah, the elder, in his day, was an absolute legend. The amazing things that God did through his life. And not all of them were healing people. There was a lot of like scary things he did, the Old Testament things he did that made him utterly famous everywhere, and actually a terrifying person and a very popular and interesting person. Most of what he was doing was against the wicked king. And Elijah's just very popular. Everybody knows who he is. And I like to think in my mind that Elisha, the younger, his future disciple, when he's a young man, perhaps thinks to himself man, I want to be like that someday. I want to be used by God someday. I want to see fire come down from heaven like that. I want to speak to power the way he does. I want to heal the sick the way he does. I want to hear the oracles of God the way he does. And maybe even one time made the mistake of saying that aloud. And maybe when he said it aloud, somebody said young man, you are a farmer, young man. You are not a prophet, you don't hear from God, young man. Perhaps people would say about Elisha the younger, what a dreamer, what a fool, what a dummy. I suppose you want to starve. And it's hard for me not to imagine because the Bible is so full of dreamers and doers and miracle workers that maybe that same Elisha still like Joseph, held a dream in his heart all those years. And one day, wouldn't you know it, he was out there, the younger, Elisha, out there plowing the field, getting ready to sow some seed, doing his thing, and one day this famous prophet out of nowhere, terrifying figure, remember, terrifying, shows up, and Elisha sees him and instantly knows in his spirit who this man is, and Elijah the elder says to Elisha the younger, 'follow me.' And what does Elisha the younger do. Just like the disciples, doesn't really ask any questions, doesn't really fill out an application, doesn't get his credit checked, no sir, right there on the spot, he takes his plow, which is made of lumber, and he chops it up into firewood. It's probably his most valuable tool. This is the Bronze Age, by the way. People live to average age of 33, so it's not a safe place to live. So he chops up his thing into bits of wood, slaughters all of his oxen and right there on the spot calls the town together and throws a huge party. He basically calls what we would think of as a big Texas barbeque. Right there on the spot. In the Bronze Age, to eat meat was a huge deal. It's only on very special occasions on holidays, and these big delicious slabs of Texas brisket are just given to everybody. It's interesting, because Elisha begins his ministry with a tremendous act of both sacrifice and generosity. But we also remember that he's kind of burning the ships, as we say. He's abandoning everything. He's getting rid of his exit. He has nothing to go back to anymore. Nothing to save him, no ox to plow the field, it's over. Wow. And when I think of this story often, I also often think of that old hymn, remember, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back. I'm not going back. And that brings us to the Bible verse we have today, 2nd Kings chapter 2 verse 9. There's this unsettling thing between the two of them. They've become now like Obi Wan and Luke, you know, forgive me. They've become like Jesus and one of His disciples. So deeply connected to each other, so ingrained with one another, so into this ministry together. Like a father and a son. And now there's this rumbling that Elijah's going to go soon, and we don't know where. It says this, if you have your Bibles, 2nd Kings chapter 2 verse 9:

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"When they crossed, Elijah said to Elisha," so the elder says to the younger, "tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" I like to think he searched his heart a little bit, but maybe blurted it out. "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit, Elisha replied. You have asked for a difficult thing, Elijah said. Yet, if you see me when I'm taken from you, it will be yours, otherwise it will not. As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind." Now we know that in the Bible, Elijah's actually the only character that never dies and goes to heaven. A lot of people say Enoch, but that's just tradition. Really Elijah's the only one. And it's funny because for so much of my life, I always thought Elijah went up into heaven in a chariot of fire. You'll hear people say that. The song gets in your head (SINGS: doon, doon, doon, ch, ch, ch, ch, ch) Nobody? (SINGS: Dun, dun, da, da, da, da) No, still nothing? All right, thank you, Brittney. You think a chariot of fire picks him up and takes him into heaven, and it's really not that. What is the point of the chariot of fire? We just read it. It's to separate them. Think about that for a minute. It's a whirlwind that takes Elijah into heaven. Elijah and Elisha are so connected to each other as disciple/rabbi, so ingrained as teacher/student, so father/son, so family. I picture that Elisha, as this whirlwind's trying to take Elijah into heaven, Elisha's like almost holding him by the ankles saying no! No! No! Right? And when he actually goes into heaven, he tears his cloak and he cries out my father! My father! So what is it the chariot of fire does? Chariot of fire parts them. It takes God Himself to part the two. Isn't that amazing? You know, we could hold onto God this tight, did you know that? We could be this into our faith. We could be so committed to Christ that it would take heaven and earth to part us. It's possible. It's possible to hang onto the Lord that tight. Many of us say we would, say we do. Many of us are like the young guy, like a young man who's in love with a gal, and he sings a song to her, I love you so much, I'd climb the highest mountain. I love you so much, I'd swim the deepest ocean. I'd wade the widest river, and if it's not raining on Friday, I'll pick you up at seven. Right? And we do this, I mean we do this with the Lord. We sing these songs – oh Lord, I lay my life down for you, I'd do anything for you, I'd give it all for you, but I can't really tithe or go to church. Right? I'd do anything! I'd lay down my life for you, but I'm kind of busy. I'm not saying that as judgment, by the way. Look at me more as like a personal trainer; that annoying guy who reminds you, not to make you feel guilty, but reminds you of the reward that's available if you're willing. If you're willing to pay the price, you're willing to do the thing, if you're willing to be different than your neighbor, if you're willing to commit your life to God, all the double portion stuff that's available for you. A lot of people in here think it's not available to me. It is available to you. It's available to you. And that's the first thing I want you to get in your heart today is to not miss out on the spirit, not miss out on the power, not miss out on the purpose. Elisha receives that double portion, by the way, did you know that? The actual mantle of Elijah falls from the sky and wafts down, takes it, puts it on his back, slaps the Jordan with it, parts the river, starts performing miracles, and in fact we know that the double portion of his spirit that he's talking about is actually talking about his power, miracle working power. And we know that because Elijah the elder has seven miracles in his ministry, Elisha the younger has 14. And I still believe that two times seven is fourteen. Is that still true in Southern California? I believe it is. All right, so here's the first thing I want you to get from this text, from the story, is that God's heart is for His people to ask for a double portion. God wants you to ask for a double portion. He wants you to ask for more. He wants you to grab more from life, more from the scripture, more from the spirit, more from the day. To get from the week, to get from the day, to get from the experience, to get even from the loss, to get from the moment. He wants you to get double! That's what God wants for us. Scripture says in John 14, "very truly." Now what's the difference between truly and very truly? Any takers? Look if something is very truly, and the Son of God is saying it, it means listen up! This is about as true as it gets. I guarantee one hundred percent this is real, you need to hear what I'm going to say. So what does He say? Very truly I tell you what? "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do" what? "Even greater things than these." Why? Because He's going to the Father. He's trained us to do what He does, and to do a double portion, a double portion. Here's something that if you saw it without context you'd think was a heresy, but it's a faithful saying. Here's a worthy saying that you can say with faith that is orthodox and good: I want to do greater things than Jesus because He's gone to the Father. Now if you saw something like that, like red flags up everywhere, right? No! I can't do greater things than Jesus, but He said it. Not only did He say it, He said very truly before He said it. He really wants it. He wants us to get a double portion of His spirit. He wants us to make an impact. He wants us to have a purpose. He wants us to do the miracles. He wants us to live the life.

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He wants us to take and do all that we can for the kingdom of God. He wants us to be all that we can be, amen? We need a great purpose in our lives. We need it. We need it to wake up in the morning and be excited about life. So much better to have a great future, a great purpose. So there's a lot of confusion, so let's drill down on this purpose thing. Number one: we need to get a purpose big enough to stretch us. I don't know if you've ever stretched before, but if it doesn't hurt, you're not stretching. Right? If it's not a little tight. It's not a little uncomfortable, you're not really stretching. Now some of you are flexible enough, it's very hard to get a good stretch. I'm not one of them. I cannot do the splits. I tried. But we need to get a purpose big enough to stretch us. We need to get a purpose big enough to strengthen us. We need to get a purpose big enough to build us, to grab a reason to become better, to read the books, to do the thing. Proverbs 29:18 says, "where there is no vision, the people perish." Boy, is that true. A team without a vision perishes. A business without a vision perishes. A church without a vision perishes. A nation without a vision perishes. And so a person without a vision for their life begins to wither and spiritually die. As it was said by Henry David Thoreau, the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with a song still in their hearts. Why? Why? Because they do what's safe, you see? They don't go for the purpose, the vision, the big goal, the dream in their life. Many of us in this building have been doing something like that, working on something like that, experiencing something like that, and it doesn't matter how bad it gets or how hard it gets, we feel alive. And when we live a life without a vision, without a purpose and everything's going perfectly, we feel kind of dead. So what does that tell us? Get a vision. Get a dream. It's important to take some time for you and to go somewhere where you can think. You got kids? Get a babysitter or call your parents or someone, and go to the café, or go on a hike, or go to a sacred special place, just for you, just alone. Bring something to write on and write down your double mantle double portion dream. Write it down. Where would you go if you could go anywhere? What would you do? Who would you experience it with? What would you feel? What would you look at? What would you look like? And how many hearts would you touch? What kind of an impact would you make? Write it down. Forget about the rules. Forget about even reality, just write it down in your imagination. What would it look like? It's possible for you. It's possible for you. You write it down. And then here's the real key – keep writing it down every day. This is where I lose everybody. It's not that hard to write down three sentences every day, it's just not. It's easy to write three sentences, right? It's also easy not to. And I can tell you that when I started writing down my goals every day and I do and I know it's aggravating everybody that I keep saying that, I learned that from some older men who were very, very successful in what they did, and they told me to do it and I did it and it's worked. Let me tell you, write down the goal. Write down the goal. And your whole life will begin to move in that direction. As it was said, where your focus goes, your energy flows. You begin to work in the direction of a greater purpose than wherever it is you are now. And this is the key. Purpose pulls us through. It pulls us through the set back. It pulls us through the bankruptcy. It pulls us through the lawsuit. It pulls us through the death of a friend. It pulls us through the economic hard times. Be pulled by the future! Be pulled by the future. I read that Lau Tzu said if you're focusing on the past, you're depressed. If you're focusing on the future, you're anxious. If you're focusing on the present, you're at peace. Everybody say hogwash. Hogwash. It is hogwash. The future. If the future makes you anxious, good! That means you got a big enough dream! See, when we're afraid of something that means it's where we're supposed to go! Fear's a good thing! Fear's a good thing. Why? Because it calls you to be bigger, it calls you to be more, it calls you to stick your chin up, calls you to pull your shoulders back, it calls you to fight, it calls you to be all that you can be. Yes! We all need a big goal, a big future, a big vision that gets us excited, out of bed, amen? Being present doesn't get you out of bed in the morning. It helps you hit the snooze button. I'm just going to be present. No sir. Amen. Okay. I lost my train of thought because Lao Tzu made me angry. What was I going to talk about? Oh yes! Be pulled by the future. It needs to excite you. A future full of wonder, full of possibility. Big goals.. this is the other thing that has driven me crazy and it took me a long time to figure this out. Guess what: big goals take as much effort as small goals. Big churches take as much effort as small churches. Big businesses take as much effort as small businesses. Big works of art, big projects, big shows, big books, big audiences it takes as much work as a small, and it just requires a different set of skills, like delegating. And when I say delegating, I don't have time for this. This will be another sermon almost for sure. There's a big difference between delegating and abdicating. You don't give it to someone and put your fingers in your ears and go la, la, la, la. Delegating. Training. Casting a vision. Recruiting. Building a great team; it can make difference. I digress. So build a purpose big enough to build you up. If you build your dream, your dream will build you.

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Now here's the other thing I like to believe. We talk about big, big dreams, but we also got to talk about the tiny dreams. See the only bad dream is the middle dream. We want huge dreams, and then tiny little milestones along the way. Tiny little milestones. This is so important. It's important because you need to get your first little win under your belt. As they all say, a thousand mile journey begins with what? A single step. You got to have a thousand mile journey, but you also got to take a little step, and you can look and say whoa, I just took a step. Oh, there's another one. Oh, I'm making progress. John Wimber, when he was coming out of the Jesus Movement, they wanted to see a move of God like they saw in the Bible; wanted to believe that that could happen. But I met a friend of John Wimber's, now an old man, and he had told me some of the stories of what it was like being in that world, and though we know the many, many miracles that were performed through the Vineyard, they started with just believing God to heal elbow pain. Isn't that funny? They were like we're just going to believe for elbow pain. We're going to believe for elbow pain. And they started getting.. the only miracle that they would get is people's elbows would get healed. But see I think they needed that. They needed the little elbow before they had the huge miracles. And when they saw the little elbow pain getting healed, that gave them bigger faith to believe for bigger miracles, and it snowballed into this great move of God. It's important, in general in life, people ask things like I'm going to go to the gym and work out for two hours and all this stuff. It's like just go faithfully to the gym three or four days a week, and just do a little something and then get it big. Just get in the habit of going. People say I want to write a big book! I want to write this huge book! I just got to get started, but it's so daunting to write a book. So write the book, that's the big dream, but just write a single page. If you write one page every day, after a year, how many pages you going to have? I'm hearing a lot of different numbers. There's one answer to this – 365 pages. That's okay. Some of you are trying to figure out is there a leap year. Three hundred and sixty.. last time I heard, a 365 page document was called a book, that's right. Maybe you say I can't write a page. Then write a paragraph. You say I can't write a paragraph, write a sentence. Say I can't write a sentence, then write a word. And then guess what – you just write that first word, and you write two words, and you say whoa! I doubled my goal for today. And as crazy as this hack sounds, can I tell you, it works, brother. It works. Making tiny goals and achieving them, and then becoming an overachiever, whoa. I didn't walk ten feet today, I walked a whole block. I'm getting fit. Don't try to have an hour of quiet time every day. Try and have a five minute quiet time every day. Don't try and read a whole chapter of the Bible, just read a verse. Start there and you'll get the momentum going. The tiny goals get us there. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. I even made a slide. I once saw recently on YouTube a sort of TikTok short from this young woman, probably in her early 20's, and she told how she had this crippling fear of rejection, and she tried therapy, and she tried all these things, and nothing was working, and so she just decided that the only way she was going to get over her fear of rejection was just to get rejected over and over. So she started doing all these things to get rejected, and the first thing she did was apply to Harvard. And guess what – she got waitlisted! She thought whoa! And then she is like okay, I got to get rejected, so I'm going to apply for a job that I can't get, so she had no college education, no experience in marketing, applied for a marketing job that required a college education and five years' experience, and paid \$90,000. So she applied for the job and guess what? She got it, that's right, my friend. So the poor thing, she's trying to get rejected. She's trying so hard to get rejected and she just can't. Guy's walking down the road, she's eating a sandwich, and he's good looking and women aren't supposed to invite men to dinner, but she said I'm going to get rejected, and this would be weird. Maybe he'll think I'm crazy and he'll reject me. And she invites him to have a sandwich with him, and guess what, this good looking guy sits down, has a sandwich with her. I don't know if they're dating, it was only a minute long video, that was the max, but what I thought to myself was this gal's onto to something, isn't she. She's on to something here that very often we're so afraid of being rejected, we probably just need to get a little rejected so that we can just get over it. We suffer more in mind than we do in reality, Marcus Aurelius said. How much pain we suffer being afraid of the surgery. So much more painful than the surgery. Being afraid of the conflict. Being afraid of the move. Being afraid of quitting. Being afraid of starting. Being afraid of making the change or putting up the boundary or whatever it is. We suffer here, but then when we do it, we feel great. Interesting. So, go for rejection. Go for no. That's an interesting thing, isn't it? What if somebody told you that to get your dream, you just needed a no 28 times, and your 29th would be a yes. Here's what I think you would do. You would just try and hammer out those 28 no's as fast as possible. Nope, okay thank you. Nope, okay thank you. Nope, okay thank you. I'm three down, 25 to go. There's a lot of math in this sermon.

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Okay so tiny goals are important. Here's the last thing. So the first thing, have a big goal. The second thing, have a tiny goal, the third thing, and this is so important for the tenacity of getting where you're supposed to go, it is important that we reframe our setbacks. Hannah told me a story about a guy in a church that loved this song back in the day about He supplies my needs. And the man would dance, and he would sing. He would request the song, he would sing it aloud, hands in the air, jumping up and down: He supplies my needs! He's going to supply my needs! I have all I need! And then on the way home from church, his wife said, oh, can we stop by the store. We need to get Johnnie a new pair of shoes, and he freaked out, and said we're out of money! We can't afford shoes! You think we're made of money? So here's two frames. The first He supplies my needs. The second is actually no. We're broke. So here's where the positive frame works – not when things are going well, not when the song is playing. The best time to say He supplies my needs is when you don't have any money. The best time to say that I've been healed is when you're feeling sick. You see, to reframe with faith whatever it is you're going through. See things through the lens of faith. Just assuming that it's happening for you and not to you. What a life-changing idea that is. Somebody loses their job, one person says it's a catastrophe, I'm broke, I'm not going to pay my bills, I'm going to lose my house, we're going to lose everything. Another person says, whoa, must be time for an upgrade. Time to apply for a bigger job. Time to reach out to my company's competitor. Time to do something new. Somebody goes through a breakup, they were dating for four years. They thought they were going to get married. And the first person says oh no! I must be unlovable! I must be undateable! I'm never going to meet anybody, I'm never going to get married. Second person says, I'm free! Done wasting time on that loser. Right? That's a good attitude. See, we can reframe. What the world frames as negative, we can reframe it as positive and that leads us to a win. It gives us tenacity. One of my favorite re-framers, Ronald Reagan had the best mic drop reframe ever. He said this when he was being criticized about his old age. He said "I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I'm not going to exploit for political purposes my opponents youth and inexperience." That's a good line. I've thought a lot about this how it seems that the more I experience people, old and young, that old and young are not the amount of years that they have lived. It feels like there are some old people that seem so young and some young people that seem so old. And I don't know how to put my finger on it, but this is the best I've come up with. It seems like to me if a person dwells on the past, he's old. If he thinks about the future, he's young. Think about that for a moment. If all you can talk about is how it used to be and how this and that, you're getting old. But if you talk about all that's possible, all that can be, all that's doable, all that's makeable, all that's buildable, all that you can achieve, you're young. I believe this. Look, I love the past, I love tradition, you know that, I love history, I love learning from it, but I love the future. I love what's possible for you and for me. That gets me excited. Let's get excited about what's possible for us. If you're sick today, if you've experienced a tragedy, don't forget to stand on God's word. And don't forget this: we do not achieve our double mantle purpose in our own strength. God's right there to help us. We do not achieve double mantle purpose in our own strength. Final thought – we talk a lot about faith around here. We miss this important thing that Jesus teaches us about faith. Mark 11, if you have your Bible, chapter 22. Jesus gives us the key for miracle working power, miracle working life. He says "have faith in God. Jesus answered, truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, very famous, right? Famous says to this mountain, go throw yourself into the sea and does not doubt in their heart, but believes that God does what they say it will happen, and it will be done for them." Wow! "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." And that's where everybody finishes! But that's not where it finishes. See He's not done talking yet. He adds one more thing. "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone," what? "Forgive them so that your Father in heaven may forgive you of your sins." Seems to me that the only thing in the Bible other than the doubt in the heart of the people of Nazareth that seems to stop answered prayers, that seems to stop the miracle, that seems to stop the power, that seems to stop the open door, that seems to stop the new life is this one thing on forgiveness – grudges. Bitterness. Anger. Hatred. Dislike. That will stop God's miracle in your life. Believe, yes, but also forgive. It's a miracle sandwich. Believe and forgive. Just let it go. Every person in here has been sued or betrayed or abandoned or hurt by family members or cursed at by toxic relatives or stolen from or embarrassed. There's been so many things that have happened to so many of us. All of us have been through it. Some of us more than others. My friend, you can forgive. Let's not hold any grudges against anybody because we want the miracle power of God to work through our lives, amen?

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Galatians chapter 5 says "for in Jesus Christ circumcision availeth anything.. neither circumcision availeth anything, nor un-circumcision but faith which worketh by love. Faith which worketh by love. Faith which worketh by love." Can I say it one more time? Is it weird? "Faith which worketh, faith which worketh, faith which worketh by love." Love. Love. That's what releases God's power. Forgiveness, love. That's the key. We got to forgive. We can let it go, amen. Today's a good day to let it go. You're in God's house, you can let it go here. This great place you can leave it right there at the foot of the cross and walk out of this building and leave it behind you. Last thing – there's no reason to not live life at peace with God. Won't you become a Christian today? Many of us here, we have fond thoughts of God. Many of us have our doubts about this and that. But the Lord says if you just have the faith of a mustard seed, like if one percent of you believes, He can use that. Won't you give that to God today? Jesus Christ laid His life on the cross for you and for me that we could be forgiven and live at peace with God, and He was raised from the dead so that we could have eternal life, and Holy Spirit power, and big vision for our lives. Won't you become a believer today? You can do that by inviting Christ into your heart right now, and if you do that, just text me the word HOPE on the number in the screen and our team will pray for you today. Lord God, we pray in Jesus name for an outpouring of your spirit. We ask for a double portion. We ask that you would increase in our heart spiritual eyes, spiritual power to see and to do all that you've called us to do. We want to touch twice as many people. We want to make twice as big of an impact. We want to experience twice as much from life. We want to live twice as long as we thought we would. We want to have twice as much of your help, your life, your spirit, your power, your purpose, and we ask for it in Jesus name. You said you have not because you ask. Lord, we ask. Hear us now, we're asking for your call on our life. We're willing, willing to respond to you. Lord we love you, and we thank you, and it's in the strong name of Jesus, everyone 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.