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GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

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

HS: Welcome visitors, welcome church family. It feels so good to be with you. When we ruthlessly praise God, the faith of God springs up. Let's worship Him like that this morning. We're so happy you're here. God loves you.

BS: Amen. Yes, we are glad you're here, and let's begin by preparing our hearts for worship. Father, we come to you in Jesus' name, and we open our hearts to your word. We're praying that the word of God would take root in us, and would bear fruit. Father, we thank you and we love 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 – Mark 5,25-34 – Hannah Schuller

Would you open your Bibles with me to Mark 5:25: And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak because she thought "if I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you ask 'who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what happened to her, came and fell at his feet, trembling with fear, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

All right, well whoever you are, would you stand with us? We're going to confirm the gospel in our hearts today. Hold your hands like this as a way of receiving from the Lord. Let's say this together: I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what people say about me. I am the beloved of God. It's who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus and I can share His love with my neighbor. Thanks you can be seated.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – The Law of Belief

Today we're going to dive into a peculiar idea called the law of belief. Here's what the law of belief says, something like this: what you believe becomes real. What you believe becomes real. What you believe becomes your future. What you believe becomes your reality. What you believe becomes your finances, your relationships, your walk, what you believe becomes real. Abraham believed God, and that's how this whole thing got started. And when Abraham believed God, what does the Bible say? It was accredited to him his righteousness. Abraham was never given the law that Moses was given, and yet, because of belief in faith, he was a righteous man. Here's what the Bible says about Abraham and his belief that God could make his elderly wife, who was 70 at the time, or 75, pregnant and here's what it says. It says that God who gives life to the dead, He calls things that be not as though they were. That's a strange verse, isn't it? Is that denial? To call things that be not as though they were? For some it might be, but for God it's not. God calls things that be not as though they were all the time. That's how the universe begins, by the calling forth of the universe.

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And so to be a disciple of Christ who is God, we also, we call things that be not as though they were, and they become so. Before anything is created by God, it's imagined. And in truth for us as well. Any time we've created anything, whether it's good or evil, we imagine it and we believe it and it becomes so. Much of the horrible things that happen in our lives happen as the result of our belief. We believe evil. We believe wicked. We believe nasty. We believe negative. We believe these things, we imagine them, we believe them, and we hold onto them long enough, they become true for us. Also with the good in our life. When we believe good is coming, when we believe the best is yet to come, when we're positive, it becomes so. Look at Job and his story. Nearly perfect man. Does all that is right, and yet, when he's in the pit of disaster, what does he say? "That which I feared most has come upon me." What does that mean? That even though things were great, even though things looked good, here's what Job imagined. He imagined evil. He imagined loss. He imagined sickness. He imagined losing his family. He imagined losing his property, right? He worried about it, and so what he imagined became true.

Or the opposite, a character like Joseph, or there's many like it, where Joseph is given a picture in his mind as a young man being in a position of authority and power and saving Egypt, right? God gives this image to Joseph, and even though he's betrayed by his brothers, and goes through hell, really. I mean he never loses the belief that it will happen. And so for Joseph, though it takes 20 years or so, it becomes true for him.

So both fear and faith are actually the same thing. They really are. There's just one difference – both faith and fear are belief. Fear is the belief of bad, and faith is the belief of good, to put it quite simply. Faith is the belief that good is coming. Faith is the belief that the best is yet to come. Faith is trusting in God's word, and what it says, even though in the natural it doesn't seem that way. And fear is believing that the worst is going to happen. Fear is believing that your marriage is going to fall apart. Fear is believing that your church is going to crumble. Fear is believing that the country's coming to an end, right? These things are the belief that the worst is coming.

And so in both cases, it's the anticipation. And so we can see this is in very practical terms, this law of belief. When you see the best in people, for those of you who are leaders, leaders in schools or teachers or whatever, when you see the best in people, you get the best. When you see the worst in people, you get the worst.

I remember when I was a kid, there was this family member who always said I was clumsy. My mom's here, I'm not a clumsy person, right? Of course your mom's not going to say that, but I'm not known as a clumsy person. But whenever I got around this person at a family reunion, she would say I was clumsy, and then I would become clumsy, and then I'd reinforce it. I'd trip, or fall, and she'd be oh ha ha ha ha, Bobby's so clumsy. You see? She imagined it, believed it and it became so for me. I had another experience like this, the opposite. When I was in high school, 8th or 9th grade, I can't remember. I was on a cross country team, and I had a coach that gave me this amazing nickname. He called me Lionheart. Now I will tell you something – when my coach called me Lionheart, I was surprised, but I was not going to give up that nickname for anything. Just being called Lionheart, I was going to live up to that, and push through and give it my all and never quit. Maybe that was his plan! Maybe I was being a wimp, and he's like I'll call him Lionheart, and that'll fix everything. I don't know. But yet again, what we believe, not just for ourselves but very often especially with young people, it becomes so. Young people, in particular, are so impressionable. That's why it's important we're careful about what we say about them; about who they are; about what's important; about what they watch; about who they hang out with. Okay. So these are practical examples. So these are good questions for us as a church. We're in God's world right now. Here's a question: is God's world abundant or scarce? What do you believe? Here's another question: your hopes, your dreams, your visions, what you want to accomplish with your life. Is it possible or impossible with God? This is an important question.

Here's another good one for a church. Our future: is your future bright or ominous? Are you excited about what's going to happen or are you afraid? These questions, your answers to these questions become true for you. They become true, and that is the crazy thing about our thoughts, is that our thoughts, our thinking, our heart, what we believe, what we really believe becomes our future. Law of belief. And so some of you now maybe when I was saying this, you said I believe God's world is abundant. That's the right answer. But in your heart, you're like I don't feel. I feel like it's scarce. I don't have enough. Or you say aloud, I believe my hopes and dreams are achievable, but inside you're like it's not possible for someone like me. I'm too young or too old, or too sick, or I'm too poor, and uneducated. I don't have a big enough network – whatever the reason is.

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Or maybe aloud you say I believe my future is bright, but on the inside, you're like I don't believe my future is very bright at all. Look, if that's you right now, here's the answer – the answer is, if you need a change, if you need to change your thoughts, if you need a new heart, here's the answer. The answer is the word of God. I know that sounds like a very religious answer, and it is a religious answer. But it is the answer. And the word of God permeates our soul and our mind, especially when we use it the way it says to use it.

Here's how the Bible says to use the Bible. That's a good question. How does the Bible say to use the Bible? And here's the answer: it actually doesn't often tell us to study, although that's a worthy thing to do. We're doing it now. But here's what it says. It says to meditate on it. Now I'm not going to belabor this point, but meditation effectively makes.. I make the case that meditating means memorizing. And in fact, I gave a sermon a few weeks ago called Putting God First. If you're watching on YouTube, I will link that.. I think I'm pointing to it, if it's on this side, I'm sorry. That probably looks silly. But you can watch that later on the case for baking the word of God into your DNA. But memorizing the word of God is how you change it. Okay? And by the way, thank you to all of you who subscribe on YouTube. I know, I always do that. We got 16 subs on our last video, and I literally danced 16 jigs. So thank you.

All right. And on that note, if you have your Bible's, Mark chapter 5. Hannah already read it, so we know we're reading the story of the bleeding woman. Now it's interesting; I went to seminary at Fuller, and we have all sorts of different traditions at that seminary, but this is for people who like to figure theological things out. This is a Bible verse that gives a lot of theologians some heartache because in seminary, we talk a lot about God's omnipotence, and omissions, and His providence, and those are all good things and worthy things to study, but the one's interesting, and you'll see why in just a minute. Mark chapter 5 verse 24. "So Jesus went with them. A large crowd followed, and pressed around him." Now picture this, here's Jesus the rabbi and a huge crowd just pushing, pushing up against Him. This is the Middle East, okay? This is not Europe or America. They don't have nice little ques where you wait in line to shake the hand of the rabbi. No, everybody's pressing Jesus, okay? "And a woman who was there had been subject to bleeding for 12 years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors." Some of you know what that's like. "And spent all that she had, yet instead of getting better," what happened? "She got worse." Twelve years. That's a long time to be sick. And to make it worse, she spent all of her money and got worse.

Here's something we can learn from this passage, for those of you, just in case you might get rich someday, this is something to learn, okay? If you get rich someday, here's something to remember: money only solves money problems. Now money problems are important problems. You need a roof over your head. Maybe you need to pay for school. You need clothes. You need a car. You need to get around. You want to retire someday. Money is good. Money is a blessing. But it only solves money problems. And many of the problems we'll face in life have nothing to do with money. There are many rich people probably in this church right now that are thinking this is a hundred percent right. You ever wonder why so many people who are poor and become rich and famous end up so unhappy, even though they got what they want, is that they discovered that most of their problems were not money problems. Okay. Solve your money problems but man, if you're sick, it's much better to be healthy. Health is better than money. There's an old saying that a man who has money wants thousands of things, but a man who is unhealthy wants one thing.

Warren Buffet, for example, who is I think 92 years old, maybe the richest man in the world, if there's a 25 year old in here who's broke, I guarantee you if you're healthy, he would switch places with you and give you all of his money. What does that say? Oh, how we're reminded that youth is wasted on the young, right?

So, money only solves money problems. It often can't solve health problems, and this is also important to remember that if you spend your health trying to get money, you can't buy your health back. Okay, enough ominous warnings from Uncle Bobby.

Poor thing, she spent all of her money trying to get well, and here she is still, and she hears about this great rabbi, and hears that He can do these amazing things. And it goes on "when she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd, and touched his cloak because she thought if I just touch his clothes, I'll be healed."

Now keep in mind, Jesus, again, is crowded by men and women. So there comes a point she's not going to squeeze by the men or the bigger women. Right? She is going to have to press, to shove, and almost every tradition says she got on her hands and knees and crawled. And what she touched, by the way, are these things called the sit-sit.

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I don't know if you've seen Jews wear these little things that come out. It's from the prayer shawl that sign of the covenant. She probably touches that, and she's like if I can just reach out and touch that thing, I'll be healed. This is the thing she says to herself.

What do we learn from this? Propriety and faith are often at odds. What's propriety mean? It means being proper. It's amazing how often being proper will get in the way of your dream, of your goal, of your miracle, of what you want to achieve, of receiving a touch from God. Our obsession with being proper or socially acceptable, or if you're in my generation, a millennial or a gen-xer or gen-Y, being cool is in the way of your relationship with God. Absolutely it's in the way of your miracle. You have to let go of that. It's not proper to crawl. It's not proper to touch a man in those days, especially a rabbi. It's not proper for King David to dance. It's not proper for people to shout down the walls of Jericho. It's not proper to ask for more, even when God's given you something, but that's what we do. We're called a peculiar people for a reason. We're not called a proper people. Can I get an amen for all the improper people in the house? That's cool. We have a cool church. But not that cool. Okay. Mark chapter 5 continues: "Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was free from her suffering." Wow. "At once, Jesus realized that power had gone out from him, and he turned around in the crowd and asked who touched my clothes." Who touched me? Think about crazy rabbi Jesus, right. Who touched me? Like think about it. All these people pressing against Him, right? Pressing, pressing, everybody's touching Him. Who touched me? Who touched me? Right? Everything stops – who touched me? Who touched me? Who did it? Who touched me? Who? Show yourself. Who touched me? Who? Who touched me? Who? Who? Who? Who? Who? Who? Who touched me? Right? It's a little scary.

"You see the people crowding against you, his disciples answered, and yet you can ask who touched me? But Jesus kept looking around." Who touched me? Who did it? Who did it? Right? "Then the woman, knowing what had happened, came and fell at his feet" – what? "Trembling with fear." You know why she's afraid, right? He's like a crazy person. He's like who touched me? I felt it! Who did that? Right? "And she told Him the whole truth." So what does He say? Here's what He says to her.. okay, here's the theological line that drives people crazy in the seminary. You ready? "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering." Why is that line so hard for folks like me, theologians? Now we don't have a lot of theologians here, but why is that line hard? Why? For the big thinkers, the big wigs in the seminary? Why is that hard?

Here's why: Jesus didn't do it. I mean He did it, but He didn't know He did it. That's what's hard. What's hard is she got healed and Jesus didn't know who did it. She just took it from Him. It wasn't intentional. You could almost say He didn't give permission. She just took it from Him. So what do we say about providence then? Here's what we say about providence – God has written something else in the stars, and here's what He's written – if you believe it, it will be so. If you can believe it, you can do it. If you can believe it, you can achieve it. If you believe in your miracle, you'll have it. That's what is written. That there is a law of belief that what you believe becomes real, especially when you believe in the one who wrote everything into the universe. She took hold of her miracle. And here's what's even better. She took hold of her miracle, and Christ approved. It seems like He approves of that. Seems like He approves.

Daughter, your faith has healed you. Daughter, your faith has healed you. How many here know faith pleases God? Faith, belief pleases God. He likes faith. Belief pleases God. Trust pleases God. Not timidity. Not doubting. Confidence. It pleases God. It pleases God.

Brother Hagin, who was a pastor in Broken Arrow where I went to high school in Oklahoma, I had the privilege of hearing Brother Hagin preach many times. And he shared his testimony. When he was 16 years old, the poor guy was dying. He had this heart disease, and it was taking his life. Everyone who had had this in the past, had died from this degenerative heart disease, and he asked his family; he grew up in church, asked his family will God heal me? And they said well God doesn't do that anymore. God doesn't do that anymore. That stopped with the apostles. Maybe He'll do it, but He's probably not going to. That's for a different time. Now the Bible doesn't say that.

And so there he is, but he did have a grandfather who offered to have him go to Mayo Clinic, but this was years ago in the 1940's, I believe, but he wasn't able to go because he was so unwell. But his grandfather did say, well why don't you search the Bible and answer that question for yourself if God will heal you.

And as he began to read, he found Mark chapter 11, verse 24, which says "whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you've received it, and it will be yours." And so here he is, this young man, he reads this Bible verse and he says to himself, is this possible for me? Is this true?

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And so he wanted to ask a pastor, and so he was asking his parents, please have a pastor. He's bedridden. Have a pastor come tell me if this is actually true. If I'm reading this right.

And pastor after pastor said they would come, but they could never make it. And he says thank goodness those pastors never came to convince me that God's word is false. And in fact there was one pastor who visited him, but this time he couldn't speak. He couldn't speak anymore, and he was lying in bed, and all he wanted, he didn't want somebody to pray for him, he just wanted somebody to answer this question about this verse! And he's holding the Bible, and this pastor comes to pray for him, and he can't speak anymore and he's trying to ask, but all that is able to come out is (MOANING). He's trying to ask about this Mark 11. (MOANING) Is it true if I believe and pray that God will heal? (MOANING)

And this pastor puts his hand on the young man's shoulder and goes, oh, brother. Oh brother Hagin. It won't be long now and you'll be there before the pearly gates. O brother. Some of you are old enough to remember ministers like that. The holy speak.

And after he prayed, this pastor, he went into the other room, talked to his parents, and said he's not long for this world. He's going to die soon. You better get your casket ready, better get a plot, better plan your funeral. You might want to ask him what song he wants sung at his funeral. And his mom weeped all night, and he said when I heard that in the other room, they didn't think I could hear. Just this dark cloud and heaviness, blackness just came over me all night. And I still didn't have an answer to the question – is it true whatever you ask in prayer believe that you'll receive it and it'll be yours. And brother Hagin said, that then as he was praying, the Holy Spirit revealed to him this verse about the bleeding woman. All he had in his head was God doesn't do it anymore. God doesn't do it anymore. It stopped with the apostles. And then he got this verse and what did the verse say? Woman? Daughter? It doesn't say woman. Daughter. Daughter, your faith, your faith has made you well. And he said faith, I know faith is for today. We're saved by grace through faith. We sing about faith every Sunday in church. Faith is at the heart of all that we do. And if faith is what causes healing, I know it's for today.

And it was that next day, because of this, he said I know if I really believe it's true, I'm going to get up out of this bed. And he got up. He sat up in the bed, and he says I grabbed the pole, even though he was on the brink of death, I grabbed the pole of my bed, and he says there's no other way to describe it, but it felt like hot, warm honey came over my head, and just dripped down and went over my whole body, and brother Hagin, how many of you know, was healed and had a healing ministry for many years, and died at a ripe old healthy age. Hallelujah, thank you, Lord. Because no pastor came to tell him that the Bible isn't true anymore. Thank you, Lord.

The power of belief. What you believe changes. What you believe changes everything about your life. Everything. Everything. And if you want to change what you believe, if you want to become a more positive person, full of faith, how many of you know the Bible tells us how to get faith. Faith doesn't come through prayer. Although we love to pray, we pray every day, pray without ceasing, that's good. Faith doesn't come through worship. We're worshipping now, but how does faith come? Faith comes by (AUDIENCE – hearing) and how does hearing come? By? For those who can't hear, faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the word of God. If you want faith, it comes from the word. And it comes especially through memorizing the word. And it applies to every aspect of your life, this law of belief.

I'll finish by talking about the four big things, that as a pastor, I notice holds God's people down. It's the thing they think about a lot. We already talked about the first one: healing. Let me just say this plain as day – it is God's will for you to be healed. We know it because it says it. It's God's will. There are enough people who have made the case that it is not God's will anymore to heal you.

Here's one thing they say – He just doesn't do it anymore. It died with the apostles. Here's another thing they say – God in His providence plays favorites. So sometimes He does it, but He won't do it for you based on.. you don't know. It's a mystery. Or here's another thing they say – it doesn't matter anymore because you're just going to go to heaven. However, the Bible doesn't say any of these things.

Here's what the Bible says, if you believe in the Bible over the opinions of man. Here's what it says – God's will is for you to be healed. "By His stripes, you are healed." Mark 11 says "whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you've received and it'll be yours." James says "the prayer offered in faith will make the sick well." And it just goes on and on. There is a video of all of the verses that tell us about God's will for you to be healed, that promise God's healing for you. It takes an hour and eleven minutes to listen to all those Bible verses. I won't belabor the point.

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But here's what I do know – Jesus healed them all. He didn't heal a few. The Bible says Jesus healed them all. Here's what else the Bible says about Jesus, which if you want to know what God is like, this is what Jesus shows us. Here's what we know about Jesus – He's the same yesterday, and today and forever. He didn't change with the apostles, okay. The apostles changed with Him.

In fact, God asks us to pray His will every day. Here's what we pray in the Lord's Prayer – thy will be done where? Where? On earth as it is in heaven. Can I ask you, are there sick people in heaven? I hope not. And in fact when we say this thing, Lord, if it be your will that I be healed, please heal me, we're not praying right.

This is like the leper in Mark 4. The leper goes to Jesus and he says Lord, if it be thy will, heal me. And here's Jesus' response. The Bible says that Jesus was indignant at this question. Do you know what indignant means? Feeling or showing offense, deep offense at what is perceived as unfair, unjust or unworthy. All right? Now there is a mystery. Why do children die? Why do sick people not always get their miracle? That's okay to wrestle with those questions. But here's what's not okay to wrestle with – is it God's will. We know God's will.

Is it God's will that all people be saved? Yes? Are all people saved? No. So in the same way, when we begin in prayer we begin with faith knowing, based on the word of God. We don't walk by sight. We walk by faith, and faith comes from God's word, amen? I've only got three minutes left to do the other three, but I'm going to go a little extra, because I can. You're stuck. You're stuck with me.

So it's true of healing, it's true in your relationships. Whatever you believe about your relationships becomes true. God has a way for your relationships to thrive. And He talks about it in the Bible. Even the hard bits. Take the hard bits for sure. Some people say what about that weird verse that says wives submit to your husbands? The answer is yeah. Submit to your husbands, but don't read submit like an MMA fight where he's submitted it. Submission means coming under a mission. Coming under a mission, a vision. And by the way, just before that, it says submit to one another. Right? So submit to one another. So first to the wife, then the husband. So we submit to everyone, right? As believers.

So here's what submission basically means for wives to their husbands. It just means be supportive of your husband. Be encouraging of your husband. Understand that sometimes your husband's had a long day and he's worked hard, and whatever. Be understanding that men don't wear their emotions on their sleeves, so even though they look okay, they might be a little low on energy. And just be sweet to your husband.

There was a funny study done. Men that receive a kiss before they go off to work from their wives, are 70% less likely to get in a car accident? Did you also know that men who receive a kiss before they go off to work make 25 to 30% more in income? You want your husband to get a raise? A little smoochy, smoochy. That's all you got to do. It's all you got to do. Piece of cake.

Husbands, be the spiritual leader of your house. There's much more on what husbands need to do. You need to lay your life down for your wife. The Bible says to love your wife more than you love your body. The Bible says to love your wife as Christ loved the church. The Bible says that to love your wife like Christ loved the church, that means like you wash your wife's feet (not literally, hopefully, maybe, maybe if you're into that, but) I don't know. You wash her feet, you lay down your life for her.

In all practicality, it's simple things like this. Support your wife. Love your wife. Encourage your wife. Hold her hand in public. Buy her flowers spontaneously. Compliment her on occasion. Talk to her casually. If your wife wants to talk to you, women connect through talking, so just talk to her about whatever. If she wants to talk, don't say what do you want to talk about? That's insulting. Just talk to her. Ask her a question. How's her day going? And most of all, pray with your wife. Couples that pray with one another before they go to bed at night, the chances of divorce are less than 1%. In short, it's a partnership. Marriage is a partnership. Right? It's a partnership. Someone who's got your back. Your husband's got your back. Your wife's got your back.

You know who the greatest apostles were in the Bible? Romans 16 tells us who the greatest apostles were, and guess what, it wasn't Paul, it wasn't Peter, it wasn't James, it wasn't John, it was a couple. Junia and Andronicus were the greatest among all the apostles, because together as a couple they did a lot. There's a power in a couple. One plus one does not equal two in God's kingdom. One plus one equals a hundred.

And many of you aren't supposed to get married, by the way, and that's okay, too. Some of you are called to be single, and that's a great thing, as well. God will bless that. Because there's other relationships for you that are not meant to be husband and wife. That's fine.

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Also in relationships, instruct, train and correct your children. Yes, we want to love our children, but there's two sides of the ledger. The Bible says if you don't correct your children, you hate them, and can I just tell you, living in Newport Beach, I have seen many parents who have not corrected or disciplined their children in any way, and it just seems like they hate their children. Instead of going won't you please, please, please get in the.. sometimes you need to be just get in the car. That's okay. Love your children. Yes, it's more important if you have two sides of the ledger, make the love higher, but don't forget the correction, the instruction, the guiding. They need these questions answered or they're going to turn into terrors. People are going to hate them.

Honor your father and mother. That's one of the Ten Commandments for adults. The Bible says to love your wife, to love your husband. The Bible says to love the church. The Bible says to love your neighbor. The Bible even says to love your enemy. The Bible does not say to love your parents. The Bible says to honor your parents. You may not be able to feel like you could love your parents, but you have to honor them. Honor them. If you honor your parents, you will be blessed as a parent. If you do not honor your parents, you will not be blessed as a parent. If you believe it, it's true. About marriage, about your kids, about friendships. If you believe the word of God, it will become true for you. This is God's way, if you believe it, it's true.

Number three is money. Believe what the Bible says about money. God has a way for you to produce and live in abundance. That is true. What does the Bible say about money? Lots of things. It's the number one topic the Bible talks about, actually, is money.

Here's one that is very easy – tithe. Give ten percent of your income away. You don't have to give it to me, that's very self-serving, I know. Give me your money. No. Give it away. Give it to someone in need. Give it to another church, another ministry, but give it to God's kingdom.

Pay your taxes. The Bible is very clear on this. Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's. Give unto God what is God's. You say to me, well, our country is doing this and that, and its moral, and I don't want to financially support it. Give unto Caesar. His name is Caesar! Remember Caesar, the guy who killed Christians? Not a good guy! You got to pay your taxes. If you don't pay your taxes, God's not going to save you from that. Okay? You got to pay your taxes. Caesar. If we're called to pay Caesar, then we can pay Mr. Biden and Mr. Newsom. Okay? Amen? No amen's in the house? That's all right. Why pay our taxes in America, in this amazing country? Why pay our taxes in this wonderful place? Why? This is what Mr. Rohn said, it's the goose that lays the golden egg. That's why you pay your taxes. You say well the goose is kind of fat. And I say you're probably right. You are right. It is fat. But better a fat goose than a dead goose. Pay your taxes.

Kid buys a one dollar candy bar. Here's a question for you – should kids.. this is also Mr. Rohn – should kids pay taxes? Should kids tithe? I hope you say yes. Should kids pay their taxes? I'm really harping on this, aren't I. Kid brings a dollar candy bar, the cashier says all right, young sir, that'll be a dollar and eight cents. He says eight cents? What do you mean eight cents? It's just a dollar? You say, well you got to pay your taxes. Well I'm so young. And the cashier says, well congratulations, you're my youngest tax payer. All right. Money. Do it God's way. Be honest. Pay your taxes. Don't steal. Tithe. Be generous. Play by the rules and God will bless you.

Final one, number four, and this is important for so many people, is your purpose. Your calling. God has a new purpose for your life.

Here's what the Bible says – “with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Do you believe that? Do you believe that this dream, this vision, that every once in a while, when you think about it, you toss and turn, that it's possible for you, do you believe it? Whatever you believe is going to be true. And my hope today is that you do believe it's true. That you believe what the Bible says. That you believe that it was given to you by God.

Here's what happens when we believe in a vision or a purpose for our lives, even when we're sick, even when we're old, even when we're too young, even when we're uneducated, even when we lost our job, even when our bank account is negative. You used to be able to just go to zero but now we can go skating right on by, can't we? Negative. Whatever it is, to believe that it's still possible for you, becomes so.

I've used this example before, but it's still valuable today. How many red cars did you see on your way to church today? How many? Now, nobody knows unless you went to church two months ago when I said this. Now let's imagine next Sunday I tell you okay, anybody here who can name the amount of red cars on their way to church, I will give them a hundred dollar bill, crisp, right off the mint. You will notice every red car on your way to work. Now you might be off by one or two, but you're going to see them.

The Law of Belief

And this is what happens. When you have the vision and you believe in it before your eyes, you begin to see what you didn't see before. This is why belief for your vision and your purpose is so important. You begin to see the possibilities. I call them bread crumbs. Bread crumbs to your calling. You begin to see the podcast you didn't see before. You begin to see the book. You begin to see the partner or the new friend. You begin to see the design. You begin to see the example. Right? You begin to see the red cars that lead to the thing that you didn't see before. Why? Because before when you didn't believe it, you weren't looking. Belief gives you eyes to see. And if you have that, you'll get there. You'll get those bread crumbs. Amen.

All right. Law of belief. If you believe it, it will be so for you and that's my hope today is that you receive that today.

Won't you stand with me? Let's stand. We thank you Lord. Hold your hands up with me like this. Remember, faith is not cool, it's not proper, so the higher you go, the more I believe you. Raise them high. Father, we believe! We thank you, Lord that you're here now, and I pray over my congregation with the authority you've given me, that you would break chains. We believe, Father that there is a purpose and a vision for our life; that it's new and fresh and possible with you. We believe, Lord, that the financial problems that we're facing are solvable for you. Even for those of us who've not paid our taxes, we thank you you've solved that problem with a fish and a coin in the math. You can do it for us.

Lord, we thank you that you can solve our health problem. That you want us to be healed. We're going to pray with confidence today because of the gift of the Bible, which tells us your will for us on earth as it is in heaven. In our bodies as it is in heaven. We thank you, Lord that you care about our relationships, our marriage, for those that want to be married and meet someone, that you'll do that, for those that want to solve their marriage problem, that it'll be solved. For those that are praying for their children, that it'll be solved. For those that are praying for their grandchildren, thank you, God that you care about these things.

Today, we're not standing on hope, we're standing on your word which is true. We believe it and we trust it and we thank you for the victory in advance. The victory is coming. We believe. We believe. We believe, Lord. We believe in you and we thank you, it's in the strong name of Jesus we pray, all God's people said, amen.

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