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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 friends. We are so happy you're here. The Bible says it's our faith that's the victory that overcomes the world. So today, a great way we can use our faith is through morning worship, so join us in worship. We're so happy you're here. You are loved.

BS: Amen. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much that your Holy Spirit is present and with us right now. So Lord, we're bringing before you our lives, and our battles, which are spiritual battles, and we know, Lord, that you have won in the spirit. We thank you and we love you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

HS: Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 6,10-17 – Hannah Schuller

Would you open your Bibles with me to Ephesians 6:10-17. Let's feed our faith this morning with Ephesians 6:10-17:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take up the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Would you stand with me? We're going to say this creed together, as we do every week. 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. That's who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with my neighbor. Thanks you can be seated.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – You Need Armor for the Fight

Anybody here in the middle of a fight? Anybody here in the middle of maybe a good fight, a bad fight, a spiritual fight? Let me tell you everyone in this room right now, whether you're winning or losing, everyone here, we are all fighting a spiritual battle. And today, we're going to talk about how to win that battle. First we have to address the fact that the battle is spiritual and not against flesh and blood, and second, we have to recognize that God has given us what we need to win that battle. Maybe today you're facing fear or worry. That's a spiritual battle. You fear and worry about your kids. You fear and worry about your health. You fear and worry about your future. You're around people who are worrying all the time, looking for all the bad things that could happen. You fear and worry. That's a spiritual battle and you can win that battle today. Maybe you're grieving; grieving a divorce, grieving a family member who's moved to another state. That's happening a lot in California.

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Grieving a loss of your job, a change of your favorite boss, something like that. That's a spiritual battle, and you can win that battle, and you will win that battle.

Maybe you're fighting for your kids and you see that maybe they're not going the way you'd hoped they would, or maybe they're messing up in some big way, and you see that they're going down some path and you can't convince them to change their ways. That's a spiritual battle.

And maybe you're in a battle today and you're actually winning! Your business is growing, your ministry is thriving, your project is making progress, but you know if you walk away from that, it'll collapse. That's still a battle. That's still a fight. How many of you are getting up every day getting ready to fight a spiritual battle today? I know I am, and that's a good thing. We're called to fight, and the fight is a spiritual one.

And that brings us to Ephesians chapter 6. Paul is writing to the church at Ephesus. He himself is fighting a spiritual battle – he's in prison in Rome and he's writing to a city that has a lot of soldiers in it, a lot of people from Rome, and Rome is definitely familiar with war, and so he's writing to them. So let's read this together. Ephesians chapter 6 verse 10 "finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand." Everyone say take your stand. (AUDIENCE – take your stand) See this is the key. So often it's just staying standing. It sounds easier said than done, isn't it. I tried to run a five minute mile. I said to myself anyone can do something for five minutes. And can I tell you I was wrong? It's hard to keep doing hard things for a long time, but this is what we're called to do, to take a stand. "Against" what? "The devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood" you need to catch that. "But against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil and heavenly realms." Heavenly realms just means the air around us.

And by the way, what do we learn here? There are multiple rulers, powers, there are multiple creatures with minds in a spiritual, it sounds weird, but in the spiritual world around us, devising and working against us. Not just against us personally, but against all of humanity.

"Therefore, put on the full of armor of God." Says it again. "So that when the day of evil comes," everyone, "a day of evil will be coming." Maybe it's already here for you. But if you have the armor of God, you'll stand, you see? And if you don't have the armor of God on, you won't stand. "So when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground." There it is again. Everybody say stand your ground. (AUDIENCE – stand your ground) "And after you've done everything to stand, stand firm then with" and then there's six pieces here. "Belt of truth" everyone say belt of truth (AUDIENCE – belt of truth), "buckled around your waist, the breastplate of righteousness in place" everybody say breastplate of righteousness" (AUDIENCE – breastplate of righteousness) you don't have to remember all six when we leave, but you got to name one or two. I'm going to catch you out in the foyer and I'm going to ask you.

Number three, "your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." Everybody say readiness (AUDIENCE – readiness) okay, "in addition to all this, take up the shield of faith," that's number four, everybody say shield of faith (AUDIENCE – shield of faith) "with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Number five "take the helmet of salvation" everyone say the helmet of salvation (AUDIENCE – the helmet of salvation) "and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." (AUDIENCE – sword of the spirit) Okay, now say all six, ready, one is.. just kidding. I'm just kidding. I'm just messing with you.

Okay, what are we learning here? There is a fight that's happening in the world around us, and it has visible, physical, tangible results. And the confusing thing is that when we see things happen in the physical world around us, we think it's initially physical things that are happening, but it's not, its spiritual things. There's a battle between two kings – Jesus Christ and the enemy. And the battle is over.. here's a question: between Satan and God, what is the battle over? If one side wins, what do they win? What are they fighting over? That's a good question. Huh? Result? Resolve? (AUDIENCE MEMBER – your soul) your soul! Yes! That's right. If God wins, He gets your soul. If Satan wins, he gets your soul. They're fighting over life, your life, or death, your death. One wants to kill you, one wants to save you. One wants to see you fall apart, one wants to see you have victory.

See Satan can't harm God, but we're God's beloved children so he can harm God by harming us. And the way we fight back is by fighting with God. It's a spiritual world having an impact on your physical world, and you've got to put these glasses on, these spiritual glasses because without them, nothing will make sense and everything will be incredibly frustrating and scary.

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The world we live in is a spiritual world. There is a spiritual world woven into the material world. I think we all believe this, to some degree. I want you to believe it to a greater degree. Intelligent people believe in the spiritual world, and they should because there's so much there to show it. Here's what the Bible says. The Bible says that God spoke and the universe became. Now in the ancient world, that was hard to picture, but in a world where computer programmers can type a bunch of words and a world sort of appears, we start to get a feeling and an understanding of what's happening.

Originally the idea of the big bang which was, of course, proposed by a Belgian priest (who would imagine that). Belgian priest named Georges Lemaitre proposed that the universe began from a single point that the whole universe was the size of a sugar cube, dense, and an explosion happened and it all came from that one point. And when he proposed this idea, with a scientific explanation of what we see in John 1 – "in the beginning was the word and the word was with God, the word was God and God spoke," let it be, you know? This was rejected by the scientific community for being too theistic, too creationistic, too Bible, spiritual, right? Even Einstein says there's no way this would happen, until they were able to measure it. And then wouldn't you know in the 1960's they changed the narrative from this is too creationistic to there's no God! Because we got the big bang! Okay.

Can I just tell you, here's what holds the universe together – the word of God. God holds it all together. Isn't that amazing? What keeps my finger from going through my hand like this? What holds the atoms together? There's not a good scientific explanation for that. It's still kind of a mystery. What causes gravity? We have some theories. There's not a good explanation for that. Maybe the universe is bending or something.

Here's what I believe. It's the word of God. It's His word. Here's the kind of universe we live in. You take an acorn and you put in the ground, under the right conditions, a tree will grow. Now we're used to that, but everybody say that's crazy. (AUDIENCE – that's crazy) Okay I'm going to say another one, all right? If I'm on my way out here and I scratch my arm really bad and it bleeds, and I put a bandage on it, and a few days go by, that cut will close without me doing anything, and a scab will form and new skin will form and cover up that wound. Everybody say that's crazy. (AUDIENCE – that's crazy)

The other day, I was watching a little spider make a spider web, and you know what I realized? The mamma spider never taught the baby spider how to do that. The baby spider just knew. Somehow the spider just.. imagine you as a baby trying to create a spider web with a bunch of steel cables and things. You probably wouldn't do a very good job. A little spider knows how to do it. Everybody say that's crazy (AUDIENCE – that's crazy).

Now we have scientific explanations for these things, but they're just observations. We don't really know what's causing it. We don't really know why chemicals react the way they do. We don't really know why living things combine in the way they do. We don't really know why a cut will be healed, but can I tell you something? The same word that says 'cut be healed' can cure your cancer. It can free you from drug addiction where you don't even want it anymore. It can make it where you could walk on water. You don't believe that one, do you. Couple guys have done it before. It's been awhile. But what's doing it is God's word. See we live in a universe where all things are possible in God's world. It's possible for you. There's some good news coming to you today. You're going to win your spiritual battle. You win it in the spirit and then it wins in the material, and it happens by His word.

So maybe you don't believe it unless you can see it, but isn't that funny, you do believe in x-rays and you do believe in the wind, even though you can't see it, and you do believe in your feelings, and you do believe in your thoughts. Can you see those things? Believe in the word of God. There's a fight taking place in this world, and God wants to help you win.

Okay, so what is the first thing that we learn in Ephesians 6 if we want to win this battle? The first thing we learn is the battle ain't always what it seems. The battle, first he says, is a spiritual battle. He says is not against flesh and blood. Any of you feel like you're having a battle against your flesh and blood? Your kin? Your friends? Your neighbors?

Okay, for some of you who are fighting for your kids, you're fighting for your kids, you're not fighting your kids. There's a difference. You're fighting a spiritual battle, you see. Some of us, we're fighting for our churches. When you fight for your church, don't fight your church. Don't fight the people in your church. Fight for it. Some of you, you're fighting for your country. We have many people from around here, many people fighting for this country, but when you fight, you fight FOR your country, you don't fight your country. You don't fight your fellow countrymen, you see. You fight FOR your country with ideas, persuasion, compassion, listening, debating.

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Some of you are fighting FOR your business, but when you fight FOR your business, FOR your organization, FOR your whatever it is that you're leading, don't fight your employees. You're fighting FOR them. They're your team. I heard a story about this young man who was working at a mechanic shop. He was the best employee in the shop. Had a great relationship with his boss, but decided to move on, I think to start his own business or to go somewhere a little bit better. Last paycheck, the boss pays him in a wheelbarrow full of pennies covered in oil. Here's your last thousand dollars. Now can you imagine that? Had a great rapport, didn't do anything wrong, you're moving on, you get your last paycheck in this horrible way. They asked him, the news asked him, the boss, is this true, etc., etc., and here's what the boss said – 'I don't know if I did it, and anyway, he's a wienie for even bringing it up.' How many of you know this boss is losing a spiritual battle? And many of us, we lose the battle like that. Right? What's happening? He doesn't want to lose his friend, he doesn't want to lose his best employee, thinks his shop isn't going to run as well, takes it out in this bizarre way.

Here's how you lose the spiritual battle – you lose the spiritual battle when you make it about flesh and blood. Here's how you lose the spiritual battle, you lose it by lashing out. Here's how you lose the spiritual battle – you lose it by sending that email you shouldn't have sent. Here's how you lose the spiritual battle – you lose it by being ice cold and putting up a wall and not talking to the people that the spiritual battle is for.

Here's how you lose a spiritual battle – you lose it with contempt and cursing and name calling and mocking. This is how you lose. Who here knows that Satan is a lot better at mocking, cursing and name calling than we are. He's an expert.

Here's what God tells us in 1st Corinthians 13:8. It's either true or it's not true. Love.. it says love.. it's three words.. love never, everyone say never (LIGHT AUDIENCE – never) it's either true or it's not. Love (AUDIENCE – never) never (AUDIENCE – fails) fails. What does that mean? It means its good advice. It means it works. It doesn't say you should love, you ought to love because it's the right thing to do. Loving is the moral thing to do. No, here's what its saying – love is how you win the spiritual battle. See? It's happening in the spirit.

Here's how you win the spiritual battle, Paul tells us, especially, is you put on spiritual armor. You put on spiritual armor. Its armor that doesn't go on your body, its armor that goes on your actual spirit. Your spirit man, your spirit person. This is the armor of God. That means it's God's armor. It means it's the armor God wears, isn't that funny? If I said this is the hat of Bobby, what would that mean? It means it's my hat, right? This is the blouse of Brittney. You'd be like this is Brittney's blouse from her closet. Armor of God literally means it's the armor that God wears. Well why would God wear armor? That sounds weird. And we know this is true because Paul, when he's talking, he's quoting from Isaiah about the armor that the Messiah will wear. In your own time, if you're watching on YouTube, you can reference it later, Isaiah chapter 11:5, Isaiah 49:2, Isaiah 59:17, all describing God's armor or the Messiah's armor.

And the irony here is that in this case, Paul, throughout all of Ephesians is saying take off your old self, right, which is your old raggedy clothes that doesn't work very well, blocking swords and arrows and stuff, take off that old stuff and now put this on. Put on the full armor of God, which covers everything. It's like God's like here's my armor, put it on, on your spirit, okay? Who knows if you're wearing God's armor, you're going to win. And by the way, all of that armor goes in the front.

So we're going to talk about all six of the pieces, okay? The first is the belt of truth. Now this is a bad translation. It doesn't say the belt of truth. I don't know why Zondervan does this. Somebody email them. It's actually gird up your loins with truth. Maybe they don't like to say "loins" in the Bible. I don't know. Gird up your loins with truth.

Now this is what it looks like. I was trying to figure out a way. I found an art of manliness, a great website, that literally shows you how to gird up your loins. Here you have a man from first century in Israel wearing the classic male dress. He would be very mad at you if you called it a dress. I just don't know what else it's called. I'm going to go with tunic. Okay. So he's got his dress on; I'm going to say dress because it's fun. And here's what you do – you pull up the dress, you bunch it up, and you wrap it around, you do this, and then you look like the guy in the bottom right. Why do you do that? Because if you're wearing a dress and you start running into battle, your feet get all caught up. So you gird up your loins to literally get your legs free to fight. It's the first thing you do when you go into fight.

And what do you gird up your loins with? What does the Bible say? You gird it up with what? Truth. Truth. Now a lot of people think this is about sexual sin or sexual purity. I believe in sexual purity.

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That's not what this is talking about. It's talking about truth, meaning that if you don't know the truth, you're going to be greatly encumbered. If you're unsure, if you don't really know, if you don't know where you're going, if you don't have a vision for your life, if you don't know how to win, if you don't know what's up and what's down, if you don't know who's leading, if you don't know what the mission is, if you don't know how to win, you're going to be greatly encumbered and not ready to fight the fight that's coming. To gird up your loins means to know and to study the truth. To assume that now when things are pretty good is the best time to learn so that when the time comes, you can pull up your dress. That sounded weird. You can gird up your loins. You're not encumbered. Amen? That's the first thing you do.

Number two – next piece – a breastplate of righteousness. What is righteousness? Its character, its goodness, it's a clear conscience, its doing what's right, it protects your heart.

Got a text recently from my dad, read something like this. It was about three weeks ago. Those of you who don't know, my dad used to lead this ministry, we're still great friends. "Bobby," he says in the text, "major accusations against Hour of Power. The press is going to report soon. Call me." Can I tell you what my response was? I rolled my eyes. I went (CLICK). You know why? I figured whatever it was, it was either completely made up, or it was from something in the past when I wasn't leading, and to be frank, is not my problem anymore.

Can I just tell you, I wrote down in my journal, "remember the great feeling of not being afraid of any accusations." I just knew, I know my team, I know my guys, I know myself. I've definitely messed up in little ways, but I don't have some hidden thing in a closet somewhere that I'm worried about someday will come about. And that's a good feeling. It's the breastplate of righteousness, you see. Many of you have that, too. And the reason I wrote that down is I know there will be a time when all people are tempted to, for whatever reason, to cut corners, to steal, to commit some nasty sin, or to do something. Can I just tell you, it's much better to have a clear conscience, to be a person of character. If you mess up, just confess it. Get it out. Let people know, and you'll get your breastplate of righteousness back. Be honorable. Be good. Do what's right and you'll be wearing armor.

Number three – he says have your feet ready to share the gospel of peace. Here's what Dallas Willard taught me – if you're living it, you'll become like a magnet. People will come to you. Yes, it's good to share the gospel, and we do every Sunday. Yes, it's good to reach out to people, but if people can see you're bearing fruit in your life, they're going to say hey can I come to church with you sometime? What are you going to say? Sunday at 11:00! I'll pick you up! Right? Come on! Just kidding, all right.

Number four – the shield of faith. Shield of faith that will block the fiery darts of the enemy. I believe that if the shield is faith, then the fiery darts that the enemy sends it as is fear. Fear. Worry. Wicked news.

Brother Keith Moore told a story about a couple in his church that got a phone call and they said Mr. and Mrs. Smith, you need to come down here right away. Your teenage son has been in a terrible car accident. He's going to die. We can't get him out of the car. You need to come and say your last words. He hung up the phone, the husband grabbed his wife's hand, and here's what he said – 'no matter what we see in the car, we will not fear.' I think there is something about fear that blocks out God's power, in a weird way. There is something about faith that almost like gives God a chance to do something great. Remember what Jesus said to the bleeding woman? He says woman, your faith has healed you. I think it is important that when we face these terrible things, we recognize how fear can destroy us, and we pull up that shield of faith. And we say to our loved ones, we're not going to fear. And by the way, that son lived, and he ended up being just fine. Thank you, Lord. Amen. It was an illusion.

Number five – the helmet of salvation. This word "salvation" is.. if my wife was here, she'd be hooting and hollering, but she's watching the teenagers right now. Not watching them. She's hanging out with them. The word for salvation here, the root word is "sozo." "Sozo." And if you've heard any of Hannah's sermons, you know what sozo means. It doesn't just mean salvation like where we go, like when you die, you're saved. Sozo is the word for healing, like a miraculous healing. Sozo is the word for rescuing. Like if you're a prisoner and somebody rescued you. Sozo would be you're on a ship and its sinking, and you think you're going to die, and last minute another boat picks you up and you got - sozo'd right?

So in other words, the same word, if you wanted to say "God healed me of cancer," you wouldn't say God healed me, in Greek you'd say "God saved me from cancer."

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In the same way that if you came down to a Billy Graham crusade and gave your life to Jesus, you would say God saved me. It's the same word. And this can oftentimes mess up how we're reading the Bible. Like this terrible translation in Timothy that says.. who's heard this verse before? "Women shall be..." this is what it says in English, not in Greek, "Women shall be saved through childbearing." The worst translation ever. Yuck! The word is, women will be sozo, sozo through child bearing. And what was happening is they were worried because priests and slaves from the temple of Artemus that were women were becoming Christians, and the temple of Artemus was telling them if you're pregnant, Artemus will kill you and kill your baby. And so what does Paul say? No, you'll be sozo! Women will be sozo in child bearing. What is he saying? Here's a better word. How about safe? Women will be safe through child bearing. Yes! You'll be fine! It's very simple. Meaning that Artemus has no power here. You see? It's actually a powerful passage, but somebody, again, email Zondervan, the Bible translator. Don't email them. Love conquers all. Where was I? Oh yes! Okay. It's the helmet of salvation, right? Understanding sozo protects our thoughts. Because when things in the natural don't look good, here's what we can say – if God is for us, who can be against us. God is for you. God loves to heal. God loves to do miracles. God loves to rescue. God loves to save kids. God loves to turn it around. God loves you to succeed in your business. God loves you to be the right person. God loves your marriage to be saved. He loves those things, and they're all salvation. They're all sozo. They're all available to you. Who believes it? Amen. Finally, sword of the spirit. He says, which is the word of God, here's how you fight. You use the word. You speak the word. How did Jesus fight Satan in the desert, do you remember? Satan says turn the stone into bread, and Jesus says it is written. Satan says to Jesus, jump off the thing, what does Jesus say? It is written. We have a good student in the house. How many of you know Pastor Bobby likes when you talk back? This is a conversation, not a sermon. When Satan says to Jesus, bow down and worship me, I'll give it all to you, what does Jesus say? (AUDIENCE – it is written) It is written. When you want to give up, what do you say? (AUDIENCE – it is written) It is written. When you got a life to lead, people to take care of, group to lead, people to help, a vision to chase, a dream to see a reality and you don't want to get out of bed, what do you say? (AUDIENCE – it is written) Can I hear you say it a little louder? (AUDIENCE – it is written) The weather's still good, isn't it? It is written. When you're sick, what do you say? (AUDIENCE – it is written) When nobody cares, what do we say? (AUDIENCE – it is written) Can I just tell you how powerful it is? If you are going through a battle, I want you to find the verse that touches your heart. I want you to memorize it, and when you're feeling down, I want you to say aloud, so the enemy can hear you, it is written, x, y, z. Can I tell you, it is very, very powerful. All right, finally, the last thought, all the armor is in the front. That means if you turn and you run, there's no armor. There's no armor for the backside. Its only front facing. That's why Paul says stand your ground. Stand your ground. In the ancient world, nearly all warfare was frankly a game of chicken. You had two lines, they would fight each other. Like if you see Braveheart or Gladiator, those epic films, they always mash together like this, and you're like how do they know who's Scottish and who's English? How do they know who's the good guy and the bad guy? You ever wonder that? And the answer is, they don't fight like that in real life. In history, it's like two very straight, very tight lines, with this ten to fifteen foot no man's land gap where they're kind of bouncing off each other like this, sometimes for hours. Throwing things, jabbing at each other, trying to convince the other side to run. Why? In ancient warfare, you don't die in the melee fighting against the lines, you die when you run. That's where all the dying happens. That's where all the prisoners are captured. And that's also true in spiritual life. That's why all the armor's in the front. That's why you stand your ground. That's why you hold your ground. Some of you, you want to give into the world. Some of you, you want to leave your responsibility. Some of you are tempted to give up on your dream. Some of you want to go back to the substance, you want to go back to the person, you want to go back to the bad debt. Some of you want to just let it happen, just let it happen. My friend, do not. You stand your ground and you fight. With what? The armor of God. The armor of God. You put it on your spirit and you stand your ground because as you're feeling afraid, as you want to give up, as you're feeling exhausted, guess what? It's happening on the other side, too. And you stand your ground long enough, the enemy is going to turn and run. By the way, it's Jesus Christ who's doing the fighting, too. You're not like fighting by yourself. You're in an army and it is so important that you hold your ground honorably and you will have the victory. Amen? Okay, I just really quick, want to finish. When the enemy runs, because it'll happen, when you fight, you hold your ground, hold your ground, you're fighting your thing, you're fighting, fighting, fighting, it will tip. And when it tips, you go. Move forward. Here's how you move forward. Number one, you move forward by asking.

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Why do we hate asking so much? Jesus said, if you want anything in the world, you can have anything you want, here's what you got to do – you have to (AUDIENCE – ask) that's all you got to do. Ask and you shall receive. Is that true? You move forward by asking. You need to raise money? You're going to have to ask. You're single and you want to go on a date, you're going to have to ask someone out on a date. You want to see your friends? You want to see your family, you're wondering why you haven't seen them, have you invited them? Ask them. You want to see your old friend? You got to ask. You want to sell something, you got to ask. You want more subscribers for your YouTube channel? Those of you that are watching, you've made it this far. It's not that hard to subscribe. Would you please subscribe? See? Is that so hard? Yes! That was hard. Here's another way you can move forward. You can move forward by acting out your faith. You say you believe, you think you believe, you tell others you believe, you believe you believe. Here's how you know: are you acting? I don't know if Peter believed he could walk on water until he took a step out of the boat. He had to act out his faith. Moses had to strike the rock to see the water come. The blind man had to go down to the pool of Siloam and wash his face before he was healed. The leper who was a Samaritan was not allowed to enter the city of Jerusalem, had to walk to Jerusalem and show himself to the Jewish priest and believe that he'd be healed. It was either that Jesus' word was true or it wasn't, and he had to act on it. And this is why so often when Hannah prays for the sick, she wants them to act out their faith. That's very often where the miracle happens. She always says this, "do what you couldn't do before." Who here regarding anything is ready to do what you've never done before? Let me see your hands. You want to act out your faith? Who here is ready to do what you've never done before? What's he going to ask me to do? Nothing. Just kidding. I'm going to ask you to do it when you leave here, or after you subscribe and leave your computer. Move forward by acting out your faith to do something. You got to just start the thing. You got to just start the thing. And that gets me to my last point. Here's another way, the third way that I can think of to move forward against the enemy, and that is to fail. Now I recognize this is a very American thing to say, but I think this is one of my favorite things about American culture is the tolerance for failure. I think it's a very good and gracious thing in our culture that I very much love is that we don't believe you're a failure if you fail. Now I think that's a Christian thing. It's the belief that failing is one of the best ways to learn. The best sports team in the world, they fail constantly. You cannot learn anything, almost anything, by winning, did you know that? In fact, one of the most dangerous places to be is to win, win, win, win, win based on luck, and you think you're really smart. An old saying in investing, everyone's a genius in an up market. You ever heard that? Here's where the smart people are. They're in the down market. So failing, and not being afraid of failure, is one of the best ways, and if you do fail, and you do mess up, dust yourself off, brush yourself off, and gird up your loins. Amen? Gird them up. Ready to do some fighting? Let's stand up, let's start the fight. Stand up with me. The fight is in the spirit. It's in the spirit first. We have to win that fight, and it'll take place here. Raise your hands with me! Come on, higher. Lift your hands. We give it to you, Lord! (AUDIENCE – we give it to you Lord) We believe your word! (AUDIENCE – we believe your word) We give you our kids (AUDIENCE – we give you our kids). We give you our friends (AUDIENCE – we give you our friends). We give you our lives (AUDIENCE – we give you our lives) and we are believing in the victory (AUDIENCE – we are believing in the victory). We believe it, Lord. We thank you. Thank you. (BOBBY SINGS - Oh praise the name of the Lord our God. Oh praise His name forever) (CONGREGATION CONTINUES SINGING – BOBBY TALKS - hands in the air, come on, let's fight.. (endless days we will sing your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God). Sing again! (Oh praise the name) God's going to give you victory! You're going to have victory in your body! You're going to have victory in your family! You're going to have victory! Stand your ground! (For endless days we will sing your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God). Again, sing!

(Oh praise the name of the Lord our God! Oh praise His name) we thank you for the victory, Lord! You've already done it! He's already done it! (.. we will sing your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God). Amen.

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

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.