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### PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

VO: Today on the Hour of Power special guest acclaimed author Jon Gordon searched for God in Buddhism before he finally found Christ.

JON: If you're in a ditch, they would say that Jesus' purpose is to give you instructions on how to get out of the ditch. He's a teacher. What we believe, as you know, is we're in the ditch but Jesus is right there with us, helping us get out.

VO: Then soloist Daniel McGrew with the touching words, This Much.

DANIEL: I love you this much, I heard Him say, then He bowed His head and died.

VO: Then Pastor Schuller challenges you to eliminate negative thoughts and embrace a positive future.

RAS: What I'm asking today is how many of us have planted the seed of the faith of Jesus Christ?

VO: Join us today for the best hour on television, the Hour of Power with Robert Schuller.

### HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful.."

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Amen! Amen! Amen!

### GOOD MORNING/OPENING SENTENCE/INVOCATION

RAS: Why are you here this morning? You're here because maybe you had a fabulous week and you're here to celebrate, you know? Some people who are here because of that. Some of you may be here today because you're really going through a tough time and you know I've got to go to church to get out of this funk. Some of you may be here today because it's just the routine, it's what you do. And some of you may be here because oh I saw the heel marks in the parking lot. Your wife dragged you in here, you know. But the good news is the reason you're here is because God wanted you here. That's the real reason. And the truth is that today God's going to speak to you in a special way. He has words He wants you to hear, ideas He wants you to listen to and thoughts He wants you to respond to. So that's why we're here. We're here to be connected spiritually with God, and at the same time, horizontally with God's people. Reach out to those who are standing next to you and behind you and say God loves you and I do, too. Would you please join me, I want to have a moment of prayer. Dear heavenly Father, I thank You, we thank You for the privilege of being here, for the privilege of being connected with Your people, with the person on our right and our left and around us. We thank You Lord for the opportunities we have to be touched in a powerful way with Your word and with Your message. And so continue to speak to us, oh Lord, as we realize that with You we can do all things. So we love You Lord and we praise Your name, Amen.

### HYMN - "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Rejoice the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Triumph in God above: Sing we to our Redeemer King, the God of love. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 7 – Donna Schuller

DONNA: Please be seated. Listen to these words from the gospel of Matthew.

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks, receives. He who seeks finds. And to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his child asked for bread, would give them a stone, or if they asked for a fish would give them a snake. If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him. So in everything you do, do unto others what you would have them do to you. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house. Yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock.

This is the word of the Lord.

ANTHEM - "Surely He Has Borne our Grief"

Surely, surely, surely, surely, surely, surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows. He was wounded, He was wounded, He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed, and by His wounds we are healed by His wounds we are healed, we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. Each of us has turned to his own way and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Surely, surely, surely, surely, He has borne; He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows. He was wounded; He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, upon Him. And by His wounds we are healed, and by His wounds we are healed, by His wounds we are healed, we are healed. We are healed, we are healed.

RAS THANK YOU TO CATHEDRAL CHOIR & DON NEUEN

RAS: Thank you Cathedral Choir, thank you Donald Neuen.

INTERVIEW – JON GORDON

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RAS: ROBERT A. SCHULLER      JG: JON GORDON

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RAS: Well my guest today is a young man who is known as one of the experts of positive thinking, actually a best selling author and has been featured on the Today Show and even though for years he could give a stunning lecture on

positivity, he had not found his true source of joy, Jesus Christ. Now all that changed when he began a dialogue with a dear friend of this ministry and a dear friend of his, a minister by the name of Irwin McManus. And today Jon is here to share his incredible testimony and story of how he discovered who Jesus is and invited him into his heart. Would you please welcome to the Crystal Cathedral, Jon Gordon. Jon God loves you and I do, too.

JG: Thank you. It is an honor to be here.

RAS: Where do we start? Do you start in childhood? What was it like as a child for you?

JG: I think that's a big part of my journey so it is important to talk about that.

RAS: Yeah.

JG: I grew up in a Jewish Italian family, a lot of food, a lot of guilt. And..

RAS: A lot of pasta.

JG: A lot of pasta. I'm going to write a book one day, I see spaghetti and matzo balls, but..

RAS: There you go.

JG: You know loving family but not very religious. I was bar mitzvah'd but it was a crash course bar mitzvah. It wasn't a very spiritual event in my mind, so. We never went to church, we never went to temple, and as I got older I always felt a connection to God but it wasn't religious for me. And so then I didn't go to church as an adult, so I was still seeking God so I started to look for God in other places and I started to read material like various new age authors, spiritual authors at the time, and that really started to take me on a journey of spirituality, seeking God but not really finding Him yet.

RAS: So you started seeking and where did the journey lead you?

JG: It lead me first to positive thinking. You know about seven years ago my wife came up to me and she said you're miserable, you're negative and you're controlling and if you don't change, you know something drastic is going to happen. And I knew what that was and I didn't want that to happen. So I knew I needed to change right then and there. I begged her to stay and she agreed to stay and I agreed to change. And as St. Francis of Assisi said it's no use walking anywhere to preach unless you're preaching as your walking.

And so I started to do a lot of research and positive psychology. Neuro science, gratitude and happiness and I realized that I was so disappointed about where I was, I stopped being optimistic about where I was going. I had allowed all that negative thinking, all of that fear and that stress to consume me and to take control of my life and I knew I had choice between two roads, the positive road or the negative road. And the positive road leads to success and joy and happiness and the negative road, we know where that leads. And so I decided to take the positive road. And so I started to do it in my own life. Started to teach others with it but as we know it only gets you to a certain point. It's only as good as yourself because positive thinking is about yourself and being positive but there's more, as we know.

RAS: It's a human teaching..

JG: Right, it's a good human teaching.

RAS: ..with some very good, basic fundamental principles.

JG: Yeah.

RAS: But it's not the whole teaching.

JG: No, it's not all the teaching.

RAS: What's the rest of the teaching?

JG: Well, that's where my journey took me. I wrote two books and had a lot of success, was on the Today Show. But then my career stalled, the book stalled and everything in my life started to just stall. And I felt unfulfilled and that pain and that burden came back. And a lot of the old issues came back and I started seeking again. I started to believe that there was something more and a good friend of mine, Daniel Decker, gave me an Irwin McManus CD from a sermon he gave. I listened to it. Jesus came to life for me when I listened to that. I listened to a Rob Bell sermon.

RAS: What did you hear?

JG: He talked about why he followed Jesus. He talked about the Jesus of love. See I grew up with an understanding that the church was hypocritical and judgmental and that Jesus had these teachings, but a lot of times the church didn't follow them. So I didn't want to be apart of a church, but he said don't let that keep you from Jesus.

RAS: Yeah, good word!

JG: Don't let that keep you from Jesus. And so I started to ask, what is this Jesus? Who is this Jesus and I started driving down the road one day and saw a sign that says Jesus is the answer.

RAS: Wow.

JG: On my way to Orlando it happened two more times, same exact moment I'd be looking one way, I would turn and see this sign. I would meditate. I was a big meditator. I practiced Buddhism for a while and would meditate. But I started seeing a glowing cross when I meditated. So God was calling me to Him.

RAS: And what was the final crux that made the crowning moment in a fact, which really changed your life?

JG: Yeah, a Buddhist energy healer. Not the way many people find Christ, a Buddhist energy healer. But I went to go see him to get some work done. He sort of does like an acupuncture kind of technique that helps clear energy and I said you know I'm seeing all these signs. There has to be something to this Jesus. What's going on? He said Jon; it was set up that way. I said what do you mean? He said as a Buddhist you can spend all of your time trying to attain enlightenment. You can meditate and you can do all those techniques. He said with Jesus if you just accept Him and receive Him, you're there. And when he said that it made sense to me. I said but can't I help people take their burdens away? He said no, he goes can you handle your own? He said, Jesus takes your burdens.

RAS: Good point isn't it?

JG: He said Jesus takes your soul pain. And I found out later he actually grew up a Christian. He was now a Buddhist because he really wanted to see if he could get to God that way. And since then I've actually been trying to minister to him. But that one conversation is what I needed to hear. And once I heard that I said that's it, I said I'm going to devote my life to Jesus. And I became a follower of Jesus right after that.

RAS: What impact did it have in your life? Did it change your life?

JG: It changed my life completely. It changed my own life, my career.

RAS: In what way?

JG: My family, my kids. Well, one I wrote this book called The Energy Bus. It was my first book as a Christian, and there was a different energy to it. There was a different power to it and how people were receiving it was different. It has allowed me to work with organizations and when I wrote that book, I would pray every day, every morning I would come back and God would literally give me the story. I wrote it in a month. And I made sure that I would give the glory to God,

that He wrote this book, that I did not write it. And so that happened. And then the Jacksonville Jaguars, Jack Del Rio gave a copy to every player and coach. I started working with organizations to help them develop a positive culture. I worked with school districts to bring positive principles into the schools. Living with more purpose and joy and positive energy and it's just had a significant impact on the work that they do because I realize that you know when I first became a Christian I said maybe I should go to seminary. But God said no, we have great people for that already, you know you don't need to do that. And I realized no He's using people like me and others to bring this message to corporate America, to schools because God wants to redeem everything. Not just you know people who come to a church yes, but people that are out there. Paul found Jesus on the road to Damascus.

RAS: Yeah

JG: So maybe I could be one of those people to help people out there and so that's how it's changed my life. I know what my purpose is now, I know what I'm here to do and it's amazing that positive energy which I know where it comes from, that joy, that love that flows through me right now, that Holy Spirit, it's just so much different. It's just so much different. And now I've got my wife and kids on the bus and we're all going to church and it's just been a great experience as a family too.

RAS: Well let me ask a question. This thing started because your wife said you're negative, you're.. what was the list? You were negative..

JG: Miserable and controlling.

RAS: ..miserable and controlling. And if you don't change you're out of here, dude.

JG: You're off the bus.

RAS: You're off the bus. You're sleeping on the couch until you get this thing figured out.

JG: Right.

RAS: At best.

JG: At best.

RAS: And how has that affected your marriage?

JG: We have a phenomenal marriage now. It has worked, God's been working through us and our marriage and it's just been amazing. And it's amazing how the worst event in your life, when she was about to leave, could often become a catalyst for your best. But I would have to say that that's what happened. I'm glad she took that stand with me, I'm glad God used her in that way, and I'm glad that I have the past that I had with the new age past. People often criticize me for that, but I'm actually glad that happened because the important point is that God will use everyone in your life, everyone to bring you closer to Him. And He used Irwin, He used your dad. One day when I was searching and seeking I turned on the TV, there was your dad speaking, I listened. It happened a week later, turn on the TV again, there was your dad again. I'm like it wasn't even set on that channel. And so He used all these people to that to bring me to Him.

RAS: Well, one of the things that helps you is being able to distinguish between a positive Christianity and new age.

JG: Right.

RAS: And I think you've done some writing on that now.

JG: Yes I have and it's something that I with my past and my experience now I really think I could I could speak to in that. You know the new age Christ is a.. their view of Jesus is a great teacher, a messenger, a prophet. They believe in the Christ consciousness. But a great analogy is if you're in a ditch they would say

that Jesus' purpose is to give you instructions on how to get out of the ditch. He's a teacher. Where we believe, as you know is we're in the ditch, but Jesus is right there with us helping us get out. He didn't just come to teach us, He came to be with us, to love us, to die for us and to save us. And I believe that with all my heart.

RAS: And He saved you.

JG: He saved me.

RAS: He saved me.

JG: And if He can save me I believe He can save anyone.

RAS: Well Jon we want to thank you for..

JG: Thank you so much.

RAS: ..for sharing with us how God touched you..

JG: Thank you.

RAS: ..and called you and brought you through a Buddhist into Jesus Christ's light.

JG: Yes.

RAS: God loves you and so do we Jon.

JG: Thank you.

RAS: Go with Him.

JG: Thank you, thank you.

#### SOLO – DANIEL MCGREW – “This Much”

The sun was bright on a field of green. The birds were singing gay. A lady sat at her spinning wheel as she watched her child at play. A gentle, handsome child was He, the boy who'd just turned three, Whose greatest joy and thrill right now was climbing the highest tree.

How much do you love me? His mother asked, of this Child out playing so free. This much! He cried with His arms outstretched, as He ran swiftly to her knee. The years have gone and the Child has grown, He is strong and handsome still. But that tree He loved to climb so much, He just carried to Calvary's hill.

His mother stands and I see her tears falling silently one by one. I'm sure she feels each hammered blow as they crucify her Son. How much do You love me? the world has asked, of this Man now crucified. I love you this much, I heard Him say, then He bowed His head and died. This much I love you, oh, this much I really care. This much I love you, and I'll always be right here.

#### RAS THANK YOU TO DANIEL MCGREW

RAS: Daniel, thank you. We love you, its good to have you back again and my suspicions are we'll hear from you soon. God bless you, bye-bye.

#### MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT A. SCHULLER

##### "Planting Seeds of Greatness: Part 2"

RAS: I want to do something really interesting. This is an experiment. I want to find out how many people can hear me without the microphone. So turn the mic off right now.. if you can hear me would you raise your hand? Okay. Quite a few, I'm impressed. If you can hear me, raise your hand! It's pretty good. If you can hear me, raise your hand! Not bad. It is doable. Okay, would you turn the mic back on please? That is a very interesting thing.

Now there is a reason I did that and we'll come back to that, but right now, I want to go a different direction and that is I want to talk a little bit about my dad. Some

of you may know my father. Anyone here ever heard of my father? His name is Dr. Robert Harold Schuller? One of the things I learned from him, and I think he wrote this, you know I was raised under his teaching so I heard all kinds of statements and slogans which helped me through life and I have a hard time distinguishing what he wrote and what he didn't write, so for me he wrote them all. And so one of the one's that I think he wrote and I'm pretty sure he did is this: Anybody can count the seeds in an apple. Anyone can do it. I can take this apple apart and we can pull out all the seeds and we can count every single one in here. Anyone can count the seeds in an apple. But only God can count the apples in a seed.

What is the power of a seed? You ever stop to think about the power of a seed? It is a living thing. It's literally a living thing with the capability and the opportunities to hibernate for centuries, and all of sudden in the right condition, it blossoms and it grows and to God only knows what unless you know what kind of a seed it is and then you can discover the power within a seed.

Seeds grow. They have life. It's been said that if you take one of the seeds that were discovered in Tutankhamen's grave, you know the Egyptian Pharaoh, you've probably seen some of his treasures. If you go to Egypt you will for sure, see Tutankhamen's treasures, and you can see the seeds that they found there in his tomb. They claim that if you take one of those seeds and plant it to this day, they'll grow. Did you know that the country of Norway has established a seed bank? And what they've done is they've established this seed bank in Antarctica and what they're doing is they're collecting seed from all around the world and they're freezing it and they're preserving seeds just in case some catastrophe comes along and plants that we want and seeds that we want to develop in the future if they're suddenly lost in a catastrophe or some other manner could be regenerated. They'll just simply take them out of the freezer and they'll cultivate them and they'll grow. It's an amazing thing, absolutely an amazing thing.

Jesus told a parable. He said the kingdom of God is like a farmer who took a mustard seed. And he planted it and it grew and it became the largest herb in the entire garden and the birds of the air came and they nested in it. And that's the parable. What an amazing concept. Inside that little mustard seed, Jesus refers to the mustard seed a lot and the reason He refers to the mustard seed is that's considered the smallest seed in the garden. If you take all the seeds that they would plant in the time of Christ the smallest one they would find is the mustard seed.

I have one of our old mustard seed necklaces. Some of you may have one. I know we sent this to people who wrote to us and we sent out several thousand of these to different individuals who requested one of our mustard seed necklaces. That's what a mustard seed is. You can see it there. The mustard seed. It's small. But contained within this seed in a concentrated form are all of the roots that will sink down deep into the soil and extract the nutrients from the earth, contained within the seed in a concentrated form are all of the branches of this mustard tree which will reach heights of up to fifteen feet. And contained within this mustard seed in a concentrated form, is all of the sap that will run through those branches and bring forth life to the leaves. And contained within this mustard seed are all of the blossoms that those branches and those leaves will produce. And contained within the seed is a number of seeds that only God can count. Only God can count them. And the kingdom of God is like the farmer who went out and planted the seed. What I'm asking today is how many of us have planted the seed of faith of Jesus Christ into the hearts of our children and our grandchildren. And we look at what is concentrated in that tiny little seed and it is absolutely nothing compared to the

spiritual value of the seed of the grace of Jesus Christ. And when we plant the gospel message of the grace of Jesus Christ into the hearts and the minds of our children, what comes out? What roots sink down into their heart and into their soul of their being? And what branches suddenly start to blossom? Only God can count the fruit that is born from one soul.

1850 – a young man at the age of 15 was walking through the streets of London and the snow started to come down and to get out of the snow because he couldn't make it home he decided to jump into this little church on a Sunday morning. And the pastor wasn't there that Sunday morning, he couldn't get to church because of the snow, in fact there weren't too many people in church that day because of the snow and one of the elders of the church stood up and gave a message and he didn't know what to say, he wasn't a preacher, he didn't have anything prepared so he just opened the Bible and he started reading whatever opened it up to and he actually read Isaiah 45:22 which says, "Look into Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else."

And this young man heard those words and for some reason, I don't know why but for some reason, those words penetrated his heart and it changed his life completely. He was totally smitten, completely, totally enveloped. And to tell you what took place in his life, four years later at the age of 19 he was called to the largest Baptist church in all of London England. And he accepted that call and he started preaching. And crowds came by the thousands to hear him preach.

On October 7th, 1857, he stood inside the Crystal Palace. It was a building that was built for the world's fair in London. It was one of the first buildings constructed of iron and glass. It was all iron, it was all glass. And he spoke to over 23,000 people. Twenty three thousand!

Now to tell you and he spoke for an hour or so, to tell you the significance of that, there was no such thing as sound amplification in 1857. He did that without a microphone, without speakers, without the aid of anything whatsoever except his own voice and he spoke. They ultimately built a church, sat almost 6,000 people. Many of you know his name, his name was Charles Spurgeon. One of the greatest preachers the world has ever heard. Charles Spurgeon. And God used a layman, somebody who wasn't skilled in preaching. God used somebody who just opened the Bible and read a word and the words to me don't mean that much. But they meant something to him. It was the seed that was intended for him to receive the news he needed to hear. And that's often the way seeds work. What happens when we plant a seed of faith into the hearts and minds of our children and our grandchildren?

Today my heart cries for the young people who have never heard what Jesus Christ is all about. I was raised; my earliest memories are sitting in the Orange Drive In theater around a picnic bench and what I would do is I would color different scenes of the Bible. That was my earliest memories and they'd tell us the stories of the Bible of Jesus caring for people. But I can't begin to tell you how many people of my generation, boomers today who have said you know I just don't think I should tell my children what to believe. I'm going to let them grow up and make their own decisions and discover, you know, the religion on their own. How many people have heard somebody say that? It is such a common practice today.

I have a vacant lot next to my house. Do you know what grows in that vacant lot? Weeds, nothing but weeds. Every year a crew comes, sent out by the owner and they.. he doesn't personally do it, but they come out with a truck and they scrape all the weeds up and they throw it in the truck and they take them off to be burned or put in the landfill or something. And what happens the next day? The weeds

start growing back. The next year he's back there again cleaning his field out. Every single year it's the same story.

We question why our young people today have weeds growing in their hearts and their minds and their souls. We wonder why kids are going and shooting kids in school. We wonder why kids are strung out on dope and drugs, why people become alcoholics, why they're so obsessed with sex and with other malformations in our life. And yet we simply let this field, this spiritual field vacant for them to let whatever grows, grows. And what's going to grow if we don't plant the good news of Jesus Christ in the heart? It's going to be a field full of weeds. That's what's going to happen. Just a field full of weeds. That's what we're left with.

Last night I was in Atlanta, Georgia and I was there for a conference and I was there with our executive pastor Jim Poit. We sat down to get a bite to eat in the airport and another family came and sat next to us. When I say next to us I mean they pack those tables really tight so there is like a foot and a half between our table and their table. So we're basically at the same table, you know, we're bumping elbows and it doesn't take us long to find out the woman turns over and she goes I know you. And I said hi, I'm Robert Schuller. She goes oh yeah, of course, you're Robert Schuller, I know you. And she said, she pointed out that she and her brother and apparently her other sisters were on their way to their mother's funeral. Their mother had passed away. And with that she said you know she's in a better place and her brother jokingly says well, it's better than us; we're all going to hell. And she says, wait a minute speak for yourself. I'm not going to hell. And I said well you know what. He says, well I am. And I said do you know what, you don't have to if you don't want to. I've got something for you. And I went to grab one of my tickets to heaven and I'd given them all away. The only one I have is the one with my signature on it and that one doesn't do anybody any good except me! You have to have your own ticket to heaven.

I'm not talking about this little piece of plastic; this is just a tool. You know that's all this is. But what the tool does it helps us plant the seed. And we give thousands and thousands and thousands of these things away every year. It's my hope to give a billion of these things away. Every single one of them costs us at least fifty cents to mail, to send out. But we're not going to charge for them ever. That's the last thing I will ever charge for in my life because a ticket to heaven is free. It always has been, always will be.

And I want to encourage you to plant some seeds today. Today I beg you, fulfill your obligation to Jesus Christ and to share His good news with somebody! Doesn't matter who. With somebody. Let them know that there is another answer, that there is another way. God is here today to change lives. Charles Spurgeon said it this way: "The humans can never rival the divine for it lacks the fire of life." You can take a seed or you can take a little piece of wood or a piece of wax and you could make a fake seed and you could plant something that looks identical made out of plastic, wax, wood you name it but it looks identical to a real seed. And you plant it and absolutely nothing will happen. Isn't that amazing? Nothing will happen. On the other hand you take the real seed and you plant it and all of a sudden the miracle of life explodes. That's the difference between human teaching and divine reality.

How many people's lives have ever been saved through the discovery of Socrates and Confucius and Chant? Think about it. How many people's lives have ever been changed by that? On the other hand think about the lives that have been changed with the good news of Jesus Christ. How many alcoholics are dry today because of Jesus Christ? How many drug addicts are clean today because of Jesus

Christ? How many marriages are saved because of Jesus Christ? How many families have been revived today because of Jesus Christ? The truth of the gospel is real. And it sends its roots deep within our souls and into our environment and in our culture. And it develops a living plant that becomes productive and it says in the parable, “the birds of the air come and they find their rest in its branches.”

I don't know about you, but I have birds that visit my back yard. Lots of them. And the way I know I have lots of birds in my back yard is I hear them sing. Now when the birds come and you can hear the birds sing it is the good news of Jesus Christ that we hear proclaimed. “Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.”

I want to ask you to help me to plant seed today. I want to ask you to plant a seed somewhere in the world today. I want to ask you to write in get tickets to heaven and give tickets to heaven away. Just give them away. I want to give a billion tickets of heaven away to share the good news of Jesus Christ that people will be able to sign these, hang on to them and know without question that they're not going to hell, they're going to heaven. Because Jesus died for you, He died for me and He died for every single human being on planet earth. He died that we can overcome our addictions. He died that we can overcome our failures. He died that we can overcome our lack of self-esteem. He died that we can experience life and experience to the max. That's what the good news of Jesus Christ is all about.

If you want to help me spread the good news of Jesus Christ I want to ask you to stand and make a commitment right now. Will you please help me share the good news of Jesus Christ? Wherever you are if you want to help me will you please stand. Stand and say I want to help and share the good news of Jesus Christ and plant seed. Plant a seed somewhere. You can do it by just simply sharing a positive word. You can do it by handing out a ticket to heaven. You can do it by making a donation to this ministry because we're going to use every single dollar we receive to spread the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. And I'm serious about that.

I'll tell you how serious I am about that. Yesterday on the way home from our conference we were told that we could get a cab back to the airport for \$45 from our hotel to the airport or we could take the free shuttle to the subway and it would cost us \$5 to take the subway back to the airport. So I took the subway. Okay that's another \$40 we can use to buy airtime someplace in the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm serious about planting seed and I want you to know how serious I am. I will do everything in my power to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world. Dead serious. Because we have seeds to plant. There are young people who have grown up who have never heard who Jesus Christ is. That's tragic. And you're all standing so together we're a team. We're going to make a difference. We're going to plant seed here, there, we're going to plant seed in our communities. We're going to plant seed where we work. We're going to plant seed in Africa. We're going to plant seed in China. We're going to plant seed every corner of this globe. One way, shape or form or another we're going to do it. And those seeds are going to come back to life someday, some way at the right time and at the right moment those seeds will explode into life because it is divine. It is divine. And you have participated in a divine action.

And so we pray oh God that as You use us today for a divine intervention to plant seeds in barren soil that the seeds we plant will have an impact. That everything we do will be glorify You and that lives will be changed. Souls will be revived. The world will become different. And so we thank You Lord for the music we can sing. Amazing Grace how sweet that sound. Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – O Jesus, We Adore You/What a Friend"

O Jesus, we adore You, upon the cross, our King! We bow our hearts before You, Your gracious name we sing. That name has brought salvation, that name in life our stay. Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

O glorious King, we bless You, no longer pass You by; O Jesus, we confess You, the Son enthroned on high. Lord, grant to us remission; life through Your death restore; O grant us hope of glory and life forevermore.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear.  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Jesus, name above all names; Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us; Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

BENEDICTION - RAS

RAS: And now may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and your minds with the conviction, the confidence and the assurance that when you plant seed it is the greatest thing you can do. So go and share the good news of Jesus Christ with all you meet today, tomorrow and always. Amen.