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PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O. From the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, join Robert Schuller in an Hour of Power now celebrating our 37th year as the face and voice of positive Christianity to the world.

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: Oh wow! It is a pleasure to be here and to feel the presence of God and His holy spirit in this place. And we want to give everybody an opportunity right now to shake the hands of those who are standing next to you and behind you and around you. Shake their hands and say God loves you and so do I. We have with us this morning I'm going to be interviewing the cofounder and director of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch. Now when we heard it was Crystal Peaks we couldn't help but have her here, there was no question. It's good to have you here; Kim Meeder is going to be sharing the marvelous story of her work with abused horses and children in need. We have music by the inspiring vocalist Renee Bondi; I promise you she will touch your heart. Don Neuen, of course, with the Crystal Cathedral Choir, we have Sean Groombridge at the magnificent Hazel Wright Organ and Marc Riley and the fantastic Hour of Power Orchestra is here. And so we know that this is the day the Lord has made, we will be glad in it. Dear Heavenly Father we thank You that Your holy spirit is alive. That Your holy spirit is real. That Your holy spirit is touching our minds and our hearts and our souls. And so in this hour, oh Lord, transform our fears, transform our doubt, transform our concerns and replace it with Your faith and Your hope and Your assurance. And so we rest in You, and we are confident of Your loving arms around us. We love You Lord, Amen.

HYMN - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, O be our Guide while life shall last, and our eternal Home.

SCRIPTURE – Sel. Verses from Ephesians 2 & 3 - R/S R/S: You may be seated. Listen to the Holy Scripture: God, St. Paul is writing, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, made us alive together in Christ. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourself; it is the gift of God. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ

for good works. Wow. For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. I pray that God would grant you, you, you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Wow. Thank you for being rooted and grounded in love. May you be able to comprehend what is the height, length, depth to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen.

RHS INTRODUCES DON NEUEN RHS: Don Neuen, tell us about the morning's anthem.

DON NEUEN TELLS THE STORY BEHIND THE ANTHEM DON: Arrigo Boito composer of Italian grand opera wrote an enormous praise to God entitled "Prologue in Heaven." The word "ave" often repeated is simply translated as hail to almighty God. This chorus of praise is as powerful a statement of faith as could be composed. The text, hail to the Lord our God of saints and angels, from eternal harmonies and world's surrounded by azure spaces, there shall be hymns sung to the Lord of perfect love. These hymns rise in vast regions from sweet voiced legions throughout the universe, singing we hail thee oh Lord God.

ANTHEM - "Prologue in Heaven" Ave, Ave, Ave, Ave, Ave, Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Hail Lord, our God, O Lord of saints and angels, angels and the planets that wander. Lord of the soaring, Lord of the soaring Cherubim of the Heaven, Lord of the soaring Cherubim of the Heaven, from the harmonies eternal of worlds surrounded by azure spaces unbounded. There shall be sounded hymns of perfect love, of perfect love; They rise to Thee through vast and azure regions, from sweet voiced legions. Ave, Ave!

RAS THANK YOU TO DON & CHOIR RAS: What a powerful anthem. Thank you Cathedral Choir, thank you Donald Neuen.

INTERVIEW – KIM MEEDER

RAS: ROBERT A. SCHULLER KM: KIM MEEDER

RAS: Well my guest today is Kim Meeder. She is the co-founder of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch. It's a safe and peaceful environment where broken children and horses find hope and healing. Kim knows what it's like to be broken and restored. At the age of nine, Kim's father tragically murdered her mother before killing himself. Through working with horses, Kim discovered God's healing power and today Kim along with her husband Troy are reaching other troubled children giving them the same opportunity for hope and healing. Each year Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch pairs four thousand traumatized children with three hundred injured horses. In their effort to restore these horses to health, the children themselves get well. Kim has captured her own story and other true miraculous stories in this inspiring book, "Bridge Called Hope." Please welcome with me Kim Meeder. Kim, it is such a pleasure to have you with us here today. KM: Thank you. RAS: But let's go back, how does this all start? You're nine years old. And what happens? KM: I remember being picked up at my school and driven to my

grandparent's house which was full of grieving people and someone was trying to hug me and say, your father has just murdered your mother and has taken his own life. And I remember just thinking, this just can't be true. And just fighting and fighting against them and breaking away and running away and just running and running and running until finally falling down in the dirt and just screaming, Jesus help me! Jesus Help me! And what I know now is that the Lord of all the universe knelt in the dirt beside a breaking child and He has taken my hand in that moment and He has never let go. RAS: So you felt Him there that day. And He was holding you and embracing you. What happened from there? KM: I knew even as a child that going to my parents funeral were images that I did not want in my heart. And I opted instead to go and ride horses with my cousins and in my mind I was just going to ride away and never come back. And God this can't be true! And in my effort to run away I ran straight into the arms of a loving God. And between the unconditional love of a little horse and the mercy and love of Jesus Christ, my life was saved. RAS: How does the horse fit into this? KM: So many times in this life when we suffer and when we go through times of great sorrow, it feels like an ending and that is our perspective only. From God's perspective often times that is a beginning. And I couldn't have known then that this would become, this tragedy and finding love and healing through horses was going to become the figure head of everything that God had planned for my life later. RAS: And somehow you embraced that horse didn't you? KM: I did. And in the time spent with that horse, I came to realize that boy oh boy is God's voice loud and clear. He says that all creation shouts His glory and horses do too. Just not in a voice we hear with our ears. And many, many years later after knowing years and years of healing through this little horse, my husband and I bought the only piece of property that we could afford. It was so destroyed nobody else wanted it. It was being mined for cinders and it took us several years of bringing home all this organic material to put on the floor. There was no trees, no grass, no soil, nothing just rocks. RAS: Is that why it was called Crystal? KM: Crystal Peaks is because of the view, we see the Cascade mountain range and it's amazing. My husband and I worked to heal this property for several years not knowing what the Lord was going to do next. And we did that bringing home all these broken trees that no one wanted. Many had been in a fire and were destined to be thrown away and we brought home all these crispy black trees. And my husband called me and said, they're still green inside. These trees will live if we just give them a chance. And I remember thinking, golly I'm so glad that God doesn't through us away when we're black on the outside. We did that for two years and then rescued the first two horses. One was missing about three hundred pounds of her normal body weight and was so starved. And the second I saw her former owner beat her so badly that he had to call a vet to come and sew up her face! RAS: And you witnessed this. KM: I did. RAS: So you saw bleeding and.. KM: Oh yeah! RAS: ..and oh it was horrible, obviously. KM: All that and so I purposed in my heart that all of us are in a situation at some point in our life of knowing someone has got to do something. And sometimes someone is us. And so I brought these first two horses home, having no clue what God was going to do next. And because God loves the broken, my husband and I stood back in awe and watched as He fit together, broken property filled with broken trees and broken horses to become the perfect place to heal the hearts of broken children. We were volunteering at a youth group and we told just a handful of kids about these horses and they had told their friends and their friends and their friends. And pretty soon kids were coming, we didn't even know and we started seeing that in their efforts of making the horses better that the kids themselves started getting better. RAS: So you now

have three hundred horses? Is that right? KM: We've been involved in the rescue of more than three hundred, but our property is very small so we only keep thirty on the ranch at all times, but from the beginning of the ranch, which is twelve years ago now. We've had the privilege of loving more than thirty thousand children and by the grace and mercy of Christ it has been free of charge to every single one. No one has ever paid a penny to come. So the kids who need to be there the most can afford it. RAS: Isn't that fabulous? You know, you have seen lots of miracles. Share with us a miracle that you have seen with these kids working with the horses. KM: Oh, I have seen many amazing things and first thing on the top of my head last spring we received a phone call from a family that said one of our horses has just been intentionally poisoned and has died. Can you help us with our remaining horse? In order to keep her safe, we're keeping her in our garage. RAS: So she was poisoned also, and survived. KM: We're not certain, perhaps. And so in the interim time to get her to our ranch I always rename all the horses when they come, it's like a right of passage to what we hope is a better life and had thought of many names, but not the name and I knew it. And it wasn't until the day we brought home this little mustang mare that my husband came into my office that night with an email and I could tell that it was very somber news. And this woman from Indiana said, my daughter read your book Hope Rising and it changed her whole life and she, after reading this book, understood that she could make a difference. One child can change their world with love. Every one of us can change our world with love. And she took that to heart and she went to her high school and as a senior started to befriend all the kids that didn't have any friends and bringing them home and loving them with her horse. But that was not enough for her, she wanted to bless all the kids in your world too and so she took all the money she had and went and bought gifts for the children at your ranch. And I'm writing to let you know that all those gifts are still on the counter because my daughter died very suddenly. Our daughter loved your ranch so much! And she would never ever wish for flowers to be sent to her funeral. She would want that to go to your ranch. And so we are letting you know why these gifts are coming from Indiana in our daughters honor. And I just held that to my chest and just cried for this mother's loss. And it wasn't until the next morning, it was our annual pray day where we pray over every inch of the ranch and the backs of every horse. And we came to this little grey mustang mare and I told my staff I wish that we could pray for her by name. And it was then that he pulled out another email from this mother and it simply said if in the future that you ever rescue another horse would you consider naming it after my daughter? And that was the moment that our horse became known as Hannah. In the mean time, Hannah's mother and I have become very close friends and she shared with me how some of these young women came to her home and sat across the couch with tears just streaming down their face and they said, we could not believe that someone as beautiful and as popular as your daughter would choose to love us. We want you to know that your daughter's love in our life matters more than you know. And our lives will never be the same because of her love. That's what love does. And each one of us has the opportunity to do that in some way. Hannah's legacy was only imitating Jesus Christ' legacy and that's to love with your whole life so that the whole life of those around us can be changed by our love. RAS: Well Kim, you've got quite a few stories in this book and they're stories of triumph and basically from the Ranch of rescued dreams and we want to thank you for writing this book. RAS: Kim, thank you. KM: Thank you. RAS: Thank you for your faith in Jesus Christ, for carrying through and helping so many children and horses. God loves you and so do we? KM: Thank you sir.

SOLO – RENEE BONDI – “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided - great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Oh Lord, thank You so much for Your presence in our lives. Thank You for turning our darkest times, our deepest pains into beauty and joy once again. Thank You so much for being a God that we can come to so easily. Please Lord, help us to surrender our pain to You, so that You can work in our lives and bring joy back into our hearts once more. Thank You.

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hands hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me. Thank You, Jesus.

RAS THANK YOU TO RENEE BONDI RB: Thank you, thank you. RAS: Oh Renee we've been friends for a long time. RB: Yes. RAS: And I just always just love hearing you sing. RB: Oh thank you. RAS: Your voice it inspires. I think everyone who hears, would you agree with that? It does. RB: You know thank you Robert so much, you know the doctors said that I would never sing again.. RAS: I know. RB: ..because I broke my neck at cervical vertebrae four and five. If I had broken one vertebra higher on my neck I'd be on a ventilator the rest of my life. I thought of course I would never sing again because air and breathing is such an important part of singing. Yet He allowed it to come back and nobody is more amazed than I am. RAS: And we appreciate it and thank God for all that you do for us. You started something new! What did you do this year? RB: Oh! Okay since I last saw you about a year ago, my husband and I were really praying about balance back in our life. Does anybody else have problems with that? Especially here in Southern California, thinking all right, we need to get balance back into our life. Should I be on the road singing and speaking as much as I have, because people have over the years invited me to come and share my story of God's faithfulness in our personal life. But it was getting to be a bit much and I started praying, saying Lord, how can I stay home more? But still do Your will and do Your work. Ironically enough after coming home from an event we were unloading our van and as my friends were helping unload the van, I went to check my voicemail and on my voicemail was Capistrano Unified School District. And I don't know if you remember but at the time when I broke my neck I was a choir director at San Clemente High School, public school. And there on my voice mail was Capistrano Unified School District again calling saying, are you sure you

never want to come back into teaching again? And I just stared at the phone thinking, God You are so funny! And I talked and prayed about it with my husband and I decided to go back into teaching, last fall. I just finished my first year of craziness. RAS: Are those blessed students or what? Wow! RB: Well they have been beautifully.. they have been beautifully responsive, because I went in there the first day and said okay gang, I don't have use of my hands and my feet but fortunately or unfortunately for you my brain still works so let's get to work. RAS: Renee, thank you for being here today. RB: Thank you, thank you. RAS: Thank you for sharing your music, we love you, God bless you, Renee.

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT A. SCHULLER "God is Answering Your Prayers" RAS: Well this morning, I want to give you something to take home with you today. And I believe these words are something you can take with you for the rest of your life. You can apply them to every area of your living. You can apply them to your family, you can apply them to work, you can apply these words to the frustrations you have, the challenges you have, you can apply them to the hopes you have and for the future that you expect to happen in your life. These are the words. They're very simple, but profound: God IS answering my prayers. Did you hear that? God is answering my prayers. So as you go through life, and you face the struggles and the circumstances that life offers and gives to us, you can remember these words: God is answering my prayers. I want to make sure you heard me and I believe that when we vocalize these things that the reality of the spiritual dynamic power of God becomes real. It is through speaking remember that God created everything physical in this world. The Bible says that "He spoke and the firmament was separated from the firmament below." The Bible says that "He spoke and the dry lands were separated from the waters." What power is there in speaking? There's tremendous power. And so it's important for us to speak these words and to share these words verbally and out loud so I invite you to share with me these words right now: God is answering my prayers. Would you repeat those words with me right now? God is answering my prayers. Now those are powerful words. And those words will truly transform the way you think, the way you believe, the way you live. I'm giving this to you as a gift today, to take home with you, to apply to your life today, tomorrow and forever. And the power behind this statement is found in the first two words: God IS. Begins with God. It all begins with God. Doesn't everything begin with God? And this statement begins with God and it begins with our perception of who He is. Cause there's a myriad perceptions of God that people have. I believe there are people who simply view God as the judge and the jury. And that someday they're going to have to face this judge and this jury but meanwhile they don't have to, they're going to pretend He's not there and they're going to live their lives accordingly and they'll just pay the piper when the time comes. And for them, God is nothing more than the grim reaper that they face at death. And they receive their death sentence. But I believe that God is far different from this. But that's but one perception of God. Another perception I think that people have is that God is the detached, uncaring dictator. That He created the heavens and the earth sometime in the past. And now He's just sitting back completely detached, uncaring, watching everything unfold and whatever happens, happens. And He's just going to watch it and He's going to watch and see what kind of a mess we can make out of this place. Or what we can do out of this place but we're totally on our own. And there are people who truly believe that that's God's relationship and that's how they view God. And then there are those who believe that God is not in existence. It's strictly human imagination that somewhere, somewhere along

human existence we had to have this crutch called God. And in order to exist and work through our pain we created this thing, this imagination. And then there is the concept and the reality that some people actually believe that God is the puppet master. And as the puppet master, He's up in heaven and He's pulling all the strings and there is no free will involved in mankind. And we can pray all we want and it's not going to change anything and we can say this and say that but the facts are that the puppet master pulls all the strings and we simply do what God wants and tells us to do. Period. He's the puppet master. I believe these are all misperceptions of God. And what I want us to do today is to begin by seeing God in the beautiful, loving, caring creature that He is. And the first thing we have to realize is the transcendency of God. The transcendency of God is that He is so magnificent and powerful and beautiful and unbelievable that our minds literally don't have the ability to begin to put God in a box and understand it. He is beyond the comprehension of man's mind, of our mind. He is transcendent. We can almost begin to realize how the magnitude of God when you come to realize that one of the great discoveries of Hubbel in 1923 and up until that time astrology believed that the world and the universe consisted of the Milky Way, period. And the great astronomer Hubbel in 1923 discovered that there was more than one way, that there were hundreds of billions of ways. And to give you an idea of how big just the Milky Way is, the Milky Way is a hundred million light years from one end to the other. Now a light year, you must remember, is the speed of light traveling at that speed for a year, for a thousand years before you reach one end or the other. And that's the size of the Milky Way. And then there are hundreds of thousands of ways in the galaxy and we know that God created it all. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God transcends the comprehension of the human mind. Our minds don't even have the ability to comprehend the size of this galaxy in which we live. But at the same time that God has transcended, He's also immanent. And what does that mean? That means that God comes and He is present, He's here with us. He's touching human hearts, He's surrounding us with His love, He is real. A good friend of mine, in fact he was interviewed here years ago, a guy by the name of Rabbi Irwin Katsoff, wrote a book entitled, "How to get your prayers answered." Isn't that a great title? I was reading his book in preparation for today and he says, "God is both transcendent and immanent." And he says, "Transcendent means that God is out there. God exists outside of space and time, above and beyond our earthly concept of reality, indeed God is reality itself. And we exist in reality in God." That is exactly why we say that while being transcendent, God is at the very same time immanent which means God is in here, God is with us, He is up close, and He's personal. And when you read through the Bible, you cannot find anything but the fact that He is immanent and at the same time transcendent. And here's another thought about the immanence of God. God is emotional. Have you ever thought of the fact that God is emotional? When you read through the Bible, you can't help but experience the reality of the emotions of God. The Bible talks about God being angry, God's heart being sorrowful. We can go through the Bible and we can read God caring for His people, loving His people, guiding His people. We read through the Bible and we see the emotions of God over and over again. He is emotional. And as an emotional God, He wants us to pray with Him and have a relationship with Him, and that is why Jesus Christ refers God to us as our Father. Jesus says, "A father cares for his children, how much more doesn't God care for us?" And He is responsive. He is clearly responsive and it doesn't matter how we pray or when we pray or how long we've prayed, He always responds. God always answers our prayers. Do you remember? That's what you're taking home

with you today. God IS answering my prayers. A thief dying on the cross next to Jesus Christ and he prays a simple prayer. And Jesus says, "Today, you will be with Me in paradise." He responded, He didn't wait, He didn't take time, He responded immediately and the power and the presence and the responsive God was immanent. He was there. Jesus tells the story of the persistent widow. The widow comes to this ruler and not a good ruler, and she asked him for a certain thing. And he discards her and she comes back again and she comes back again. Finally he says give her what she wants so she'll quit asking me and bothering me and pestering me. And Jesus says just as the unkind ruler responds, how much more won't God respond to our persistence? And so we pray. God IS. And God is here today answering prayers. And I know that I know that I know that I know that I know that I know without question or doubt that God is answering your prayers, all of our prayers simultaneously at the same time. And it isn't like Bruce Almighty where he pushes the button yes to all of the above. God is answering our prayers in the most beautiful way that we could ever possibly imagine. Recently I was having lunch with the gentleman who did the genome project. His name is Francis Collins. And in that genome project, they've discovered all the different pathways of the entire genes of humanity, an enormous project that they thought would never be accomplished in his lifetime. But they did it in a fraction of the time that they thought. And since then, lots of genetic engineering and science has changed its course and today medicine is all about genetic engineering. And that's where the future of medicine is. And as we were at lunch, also at that lunch was Ken Medema. Many of you know Ken Medema, he's sung here on the Hour of Power many times. He's blind. And Francis asked Ken, 'Ken if you could get your eyesight back, would you be interested in getting your eyesight back?' You have to realize where we are in science today. Just recently, we gave an injection to these puppies. All these puppies were blind. They walked around their kennel and they would bump into the walls and bump into each other. They were all blind. It was a genetic disease. And we knew how to correct it genetically, and gave them a shot and within a few hours, they all had their sight back. He said I believe in our lifetime you'll have to make that decision. And we see Renee Bondi here today, in a wheelchair, broken spine. And I think in the future, we're going to see the fact that spines are going to be healed and people who have been bound to wheelchairs are going to get up and walk again. And I believe that in the decades to come, we're going to see miraculous cures to unbelievable ills that people have. We must never say it is impossible. It's always possible. And all we have to have is enough faith to pray. I have to be honest with you and confess that as I say these words, God is answering my prayers; I often doubt those same words that I say. And even as a minister of the gospel, I have doubts. But faith is not living without doubts, you must realize that. Everybody has doubts and everybody will always have doubts. Faith is taking the steps in spite of the doubts. So in spite of our doubts we hold onto our faith and we say the words, we speak them out forthrightly, God is answering my prayers! And we speak it and as we speak it, I know as sure as I'm standing here, that God will answer your prayers in the most beautiful and profound way that you could ever possibly imagine. I remember in the 60's my father came back from visiting Iran. And ever since then I've wanted to go to Iran. And when I was old enough to go to Iran, Iran was closed. The Ayatollah Khomeini came in there and Iran was closed to America and to this day I wouldn't feel secure with an American passport going to Iran. But I've wanted to go ever since. He pulled out his slides. People under the age of 30 have no idea what a slide projector is. But let me tell you what a slide projector is. It used to be that photos had to be.. you took a

picture and you used to have to take these pictures to a photo lab and you'd have to wait a week and then you'd have to choose whether you wanted slides or prints, or if you wanted I guess you could check both and get both prints and slides. Well my father always brought home the slides and he had this carousel. Boy I see a bunch of old people shaking their head yeah we remember this carousel that stood on top of this projector and then in order for us to see the pictures, we had to turn the lights off, we had to put up the screen and we'd project this image onto a screen. And they were called slide projectors. You can go to a museum and you can probably find one. So he pulls out his slides after coming back from Iran and he's showing us the pictures of Persepolis, these spectacular excavations from the beginning of dawn, the Babylonian empires there. And then he showed us the pictures of the inside of the royal palace. It was absolutely spectacular. It looked like all of the walls and the columns and the roof were covered in diamonds. I said dad what is that? He goes yeah it looks like diamonds, doesn't it? I said yeah, it looks like diamonds. He goes.. I go what is it? Is it cut glass? He goes no, you won't believe it. I said well tell me, what is it? He goes when they were designing this building, they decided to cover everything in mirrors so they ordered the mirrors from Paris and by the time the mirrors arrived in Iran, and they unpacked the mirrors, all of the mirrors were broken. And the architect wasn't sure what to do but all of a sudden he got this great idea, and he started breaking all of the mirrors and he used those tiny pieces of mirror as a mosaic and all of the walls, and all of the columns and the dome of the inside of the royal palace, when you enter this magnificent building, are covered in this tiny little broken mirrors. And it shines like diamonds. And just as that architect turned a tragedy into the most beautiful piece, one of the most beautiful pieces in the world, so God takes our brokenness, takes our doubt, takes our sorrow, He takes our failures, takes our sin, and He puts it all back together again, and He puts together in such a way that it just shines. It shines in such a way that we never could imagine that beauty can come out of such tragedy. And God answers our prayers. And today, I want you to take those words with you. What words are you taking home with you today? Let me hear it: God is answering my prayers. Dear God, we thank You that You are, that You exist, that You are answering our prayers, not in the past tense, not in the future tense, in the present tense. That as we stand in this place right now, You are taking the negatives and turning them into major positives. And so we give You thanks. We thank You for every challenge we face today. We thank You for shaping our hearts and our minds. We thank You for holding us in Your arms. For caressing us and loving us. You're our Father and we are Your children. We love You God, Amen.

HYMN - "Give to the Winds Your Fears" Far, far above your thought His counsel shall appear, when fully He the work has wrought that caused your needless fear. Leave to His sovereign will to choose and to command: With wonder filled you then shall own how wise, how strong His hand.

BENEDICTION - RAS RAS: And now may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit touch your heart and touch your lips that you might continue to declare His goodness in your life and recognize the fact that He is answering your prayers always, Amen.

HYMN – "O Jesus, We Adore You" 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. Life forevermore!