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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!

OPENING SENTENCE/INVOCATION - RAS RAS: Good morning! It's just another beautiful day in paradise and we're glad you're able to join us here on this beautiful day. Would you please greet those who are standing next to you and behind you and say God loves you and so do I. My wife Donna will be reading the scriptures. We have the NFL head coach Super Bowl winning head coach, Tony Dungy. We have music by the talented Crystal Cathedral Academy vocalists, that's Ryan Lisak and Natalie Leonard. We have the extraordinary Roger Williams; he's going to be playing the piano for us today. And so we realize that this is the day that the Lord has made, and so we will rejoice and we will be glad in it. Dear Heavenly Father we thank You that You're a God of miracles. You're a God who answers prayers, You're a God who guides and leads, You're a God who brings healing and hope. And so in this moment and in this time and in this hour may we receive healing of body, mind and spirit. May we leave this place better people emotionally, spiritually, physically. So we thank You Lord for everything You're doing this very moment, Amen.

HYMN - "All People Who on Earth do Dwell" All people who on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Serve Him with love, His praises tell. Come now before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God alone, without our aid He made us all. We are His folk, we are His own. Praise God, all people great and small.

We thank the Lord for He is good, His mercy is forever sure; His grace has always firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 100 – Donna Schuller DS: Thank you choir, please be seated. Now we get to hear some great words; The same words that we just sang in this wonderful hymn. So hear these words now from Psalm 100. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name, for the Lord is good and His love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations. And we know that God will continue to bless this as we have meditated on this word and as we continue now with this service. Listen to the choir as they sing that fantastic piece of composition from Beethoven, "Hallelujah."

ANTHEM - "Hallelujah" Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son, Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy; in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy; Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy, in holy songs, in holy songs of joy.

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic, choirs, praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, angelic choirs, praise the Lord in holy, holy songs of joy.

We proclaim His grace and glory, we proclaim His grace and glory, we proclaim His grace and glory, Hallelujah, Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son. Praise the Lord in songs of joy, praise the Lord in songs of joy, praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

We proclaim His grace and glory, we proclaim His grace and glory, we proclaim His grace and glory, we proclaim His grace and glory, Hallelujah, Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son, unto God's Almighty Son. Hallelujah, Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy! Praise the Lord in holy songs, in holy songs, praise the Lord in songs of joy. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy!

RAS THANK YOU TO DON & CHOIR RAS: Thank you Don, thank you choir.

INTERVIEW – TONY DUNGY

RAS: ROBERT A. SCHULLER TD : TONY DUNGY

RAS: Today it is my absolute privilege to welcome to the Crystal Cathedral for the first time the NFL head coach Tony Dungy here to the Crystal Cathedral. This past year, America watched, the world watched as Tony led the Indianapolis Colts to win the Super bowl and become the first African American coach to win this incredible game. Tony is the author of a new memoir entitled, "Quiet Strength." This book reveals the principles, the practices, the priorities of winning in life. In addition to the countless achievements to his name, Tony is a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a loving family man. We are overjoyed this morning to welcome, and would you please welcome with me Tony Dungy. Tony, God loves you and so do we. TD: It is wonderful to be here. Thank you so much. RAS: Well, first of all, congratulations. You won, probably the biggest game there is. Would you agree with that? TD: It was a big game. It was a wonderful achievement, it was great for our community, for our organization, but what I told our players, it's certainly not the biggest thing and the Lord had something bigger in store for all of us and I think we kept that in perspective. RAS: Well you've got a couple trophies on your fingers I see there, yes. TD: I do. RAS: Is that the one? TD: That's the new one. That is the one we got with the Colts.. RAS: Whoa! TD: ..and

this is one I got as a player 28 years ago with the Steelers. RAS: Wow. That's spectacular. There's nothing like it.. being able to see those rings first hand. TD: No, and its great when you set a goal as a group, at the beginning of the year and say this is where we're trying to go and you make it there, it's a really, really tremendous sense of accomplishment. RAS: Absolutely. Well the head coach of the other team was Lovie Smith, right? TD: Yes, sir, a good friend of mine, a great Christian man and it was fun being with him and doing it, whoever won, we felt that it was going to be a win/win situation. RAS: And it was a win/win situation. It was wonderful to see you guys hug afterwards and to show your appreciation for each other and I think that comes down to the whole realization that you understand that the biggest game in life isn't a football game, is it? TD: Absolutely, and that was something during the week leading up to the Super Bowl, people asked well you know who's the Lord going to choose and who's He going to honor and we said you know its not really about winning the game, per se, but it is honoring the Lord and whether we win or lose, it really, that's not the point, but its how we do it and I was so happy to share that moment with Him. RAS: Well tell me about your faith as a child, for instance. TD: I grew up in a home, my mom was a Sunday school teacher, I have two uncles that were ministers, my grandfather was a minister, so I heard the gospel, I accepted Christ but when I was young, it was just that faith of hey I'm going to heaven, and it wasn't until later on I got in my 20's and I was a player for the Steelers that I ran into some really, really strong Christian athletes, guys who made me understand that its more than just going to church on Sunday, and knowing that you're going to heaven but how you're living, what you're doing for the Lord, and that we should do that in our jobs, in our daily life, everything we do and that's when I think I really started growing as 21 year old NFL player. RAS: You told me before the service that your mother and your father both had a favorite television show. What was that? TD: Yes, that was your dad. My mom, especially.. RAS: The Hour of Power, right. TD: ..the Hour of Power, she just said Dr. Schuller is so positive, you know I just love to watch him. And we kind of grew up watching your dad. RAS: Wow. So do you think that had an impact in your life and helping to form your spiritual life? TD: It really did, especially my mom with the Sunday school stories, she would teach on Sunday and she'd practice on us on Thursday night and we'd hear the stories even before I could read the Bible, I knew a lot of the stories and that became a background for me and I still do. The night before we played the New England Patriots to go to the Super Bowl, I talked about David and Goliath to the team because it made the point that I wanted to make that God will let you do the things that you're capable of if you trust Him. RAS: You know one of the things that caught my attention was USA Today published a photograph of the first thing that took place after your team went into the locker room and it wasn't popping the champagne. What was it and what happened? Tell us about it. TD: Well we have a tradition. Before the game, we pray as a team and after the game we pray. Normally we do it before the media comes in, but the Super Bowl crush is such that the media was in there, and we asked everyone to just excuse us for two minutes while we prayed, and one gentleman took a picture and it ran all over the country and it's been an awesome testimony. RAS: And that picture was of all of your players kneeling and praying with the trophy in the picture. It's an amazing photograph. TD: Yes, yes. And I think it was a great, great witness to people and something that I'll never forget. RAS: You know people often think that individuals like yourself who have just had a very successful life, and they look at people like yourself and they say well of course he can be a believer, because God's answering his prayers. What does he know

about tragedy and tough times, you know. If he had to go through my life, he'd probably be a different story and the fact is that I've witnessed that there isn't a human being on earth who hasn't gone through tragedy. Is that true with you? TD: Absolutely, and I think that's the great thing about football or any sport, you know that you don't win every game, and you do have to bounce back from defeat, you are going to have disappointments and really what you become in life, is how you handle those tough times, and to me, that was relying on Christ, leaning on my Christian faith, and understanding that I can bounce back from disappointments. RAS: What's been the biggest tragedy in your life? TD: Well, we've had some tough times as a family in the last three years, my mom and day passed away. I was hoping they'd get a chance to see us in the Super Bowl. That didn't happen. My oldest son passed away the same way, right before we went to the Super Bowl, so it makes you understand that life is about more than sports, but also the fact that as a Christian, we're looking forward to eternity, and we're not bound by the here and now. RAS: So how does your faith help you in that then? TD: I think my faith causes me to look forward and look ahead and try to learn from what happened in the past, but really not live in the disappointments but to know that in every disappointment, God's got something ahead of us if we'll continue to look forward and try to follow Him. RAS: Yeah. Now you've written a book, it's called "Quiet Strength: A Memoir," and the principles, practices and priorities of a winning life. What is your primary objective in writing this book? TD: What I wanted to do was share with the country about our team, people know about our team on the field, but I wanted to share the off the field, behind the scenes, the lessons I've learned from my parents, from my pastors, from my coaches, people that have really had an impact on me, and the things that I share to our team off the field, not how to play the game, but how to live in life. RAS: Can you tell me two or three principles that you want people to take away with this? TD: Well there are a couple that I think are very important. Number one, we talk about champions don't do extraordinary things, they do the ordinary things better than everyone else. And focusing on the little details, the small things in life that make the difference. And second big principle is that Matthew 16:26, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but forfeit his soul." Winning the Super Bowl can't be our ultimate goal. It's got to be pleasing the Lord. RAS: Amen. Well Tony, I want to thank you for being my guest today. I want to thank you for coming here and for sharing with us your faith, and sharing with us handles that we can hold on to, to our faith, even through the toughest of times, and we just want you to know that God loves you and so do we. TD: Well thank you very much, it is a pleasure and an honor to be here, thank you. RAS: God bless you. TD: Amen. RAS: Thank you.

DUET – NATALIE LEONARD & RYAN LISAK – "The Prayer" I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and help us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

(SINGS ITALIAN - I pray we'll find Your light), I pray we'll find Your light, (SINGS ITALIAN - and hold it in our hearts), and hold it in our hearts. (SINGS ITALIAN - When stars go out each night), when stars go out each night (SINGS ITALIAN - eternal light will shine). (SINGS ITALIAN - Let this be our prayer), let this be our prayer, (SINGS ITALIAN - when shadows fill our day), when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe.

(SINGING ITALIAN - We're dreaming of a world that has no violence; a world without injustice, war and hunger, where neighbors give a helping hand to strangers as a sign of friendship, brotherhood and love).

(SINGS ITALIAN - We ask that life be kind), we ask that life be kind, (SINGS ITALIAN - and watch us from above), and watch us from above. (SINGS ITALIAN - We hope each soul will find), we hope each soul will find, (SINGS ITALIAN - another soul to love), another soul to love.

Let this be our prayer, let this be our prayer, just like every child, just like every child, need to find a place, guide us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe. (SINGING ITALIAN - And now with this faith which is in our hearts, we can feel that we'll be safe).

RAS THANK YOU TO NATALIE LEONARD & RYAN LISAK RAS: Ryan, Natalie, you guys are terrific! NL: Thank you. RL: Thank you. RAS: Oh, there's a smile. I knew you.. there it is! I knew you had a big smile. We love it, thank you for sharing your voices, your spirit and your love with us, God bless you.

PIANO SOLO – ROGER WILLIAMS – “From a Distance”

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT A. SCHULLER "God is Answering Your Prayers – Part 2" RAS: My wife and I love to do something crazy with our food. We buy these fabulous vegetables, we spend a lot of money on carrots and celery and all these good things, and do you know what we do then? We munch them up to absolutely nothing. And what we get out of it is a drink. We like to juice. I don't know if anyone ever juices around here, but we take our fresh vegetables and we juice. The first juicer we had would spit this rind and all this stuff all over the place. It was a mess. It would take us about oh I don't know how long to clean up after this thing, but we'd grind them in there and pretty soon we'd have our glass of juice and one of the things that bothered me was not only was it difficult to work with, but then there's the rind still felt like there was a lot of juice left in there. I didn't feel like it was dry, so it really bothered me so I went and I surveyed to find the best juicer on the market and I got all the recommendations and I went and bought the best juicer money could buy. And it came to my house, there was this big box about this big and inside looked like a huge electric motor about this big. The thing was so intimidating I gave it to my wife. And she took it and she stuck it underneath the cupboards of the kitchen and it stayed there for years. She wouldn't touch it. I wouldn't touch it, until I heard her complain that there was something wrong with our juicer. I said well Donna, I bought you that juicer. She goes what juicer? I said this one. She had forgotten all about it. Didn't even know it was there anymore. And we pulled it out and through fear and intimidation, we went through the process of putting this thing together, and here was this giant contraption about this big, sitting on our kitchen counter and it was time to turn it on. And we flipped the switch and unlike our old machine, it simply had this nice little hum. As opposed to our old machine which was (MAKES GRINDING SOUNDS). And it wasn't long and we started juicing with that and out came this pulp that was as dry as you could possibly imagine and we got twice as much juice from this juicer. It was fabulous! But we were afraid of it. And we didn't know how to use it, and so we didn't take advantage of this wonderful thing that we had at our fingertips for years. And last week, I gave you a gift. If

you didn't hear my message last week, I want to encourage you to go to our website at hourofpower.org and you can download the whole thing, you can watch it or you can read it and you can get all caught up. If you're just tuning in right now, if you're just here for the first time, I promise you that you're not going to miss last week. Today you can get the first part next week. But here's the gift I gave everybody last week and if you're here for the first time, I'm going to give it to you again, because it's worth having. Here's the gift: God is answering my prayers. Did you hear that? That is a powerful gift. It's a big gift. And it is one that has the ability to transform our hearts, our minds and our bodies. We have to believe it. We have to use it. It's like that juicer that I gave Donna. If you just stick it in the cupboards and close the doors, you're not going to take advantage of this beautiful gift. If you use it, it'll transform the way you think, the way you act, the way you do everything. So I want to give you an opportunity right now to use your gift. Repeat these words after me: God is answering my prayers. (AUDIENCE & RAS - God is answering my prayers). And last week we looked at the first part of this, which is "God IS," and today we're looking at the second part is "answering my prayers." Because God IS answering our prayers, and as we continue to use that positive thought, then we will continue to have life transformation take place within our souls and within our faith and within our lives. But in order for us to believe and to use and to have the tools with which to take advantage of this wonderful gift, we need to believe it. So let me share with you why I believe that this statement is true. Specifically the part of God is answering our prayers, because He is. He's answering our prayers through positive thoughts and words, He's answering our prayers through hard work, He's answering our prayers through the Bible, He's answering our prayers through people in situation and He's answering our prayers by not saying yes to everything we ask for. And so God is in the constant process of answering our prayers. I believe it begins by answering our prayers with positive thoughts and words. Kate Ruee wrote this article and I received it recently. It's entitled mind over matter and let me read this to you. It appeared in Health Features Publication. "Positive thoughts can be as effective as drugs in beating diseases. Studies show preventive medicine may soon be more than just monitoring your vegetable intake and exercise levels, and include how many negative thoughts go through your head in a day. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that a patient's beliefs and hopes affect their prognosis." Quote: "one of the major contributors to maintaining health and removing disease is the attitude of the patient," says professor Oakley Ray, a psychologist from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. He reviewed one hundred years of research on psychology and disease for a paper published in American Psychiatrist and concluded that quote "words can have the same effect as drugs, thinking optimistically can change your whole biology." Ray quotes a wild range of evidence including various studies linking mind set to heart disease. One such study by professor Laura Kubzansky from the Harvard School of Public Health established that optimism lowers the risk of heart disease in older men while pessimism and hopelessness increase it. "There is strong evidence that patient's with heart disease who feel hopeless about their condition do worse," says Professor Alan Steptoe, a psychologist at University College London. Positive thoughts and words are the means in which God starts to have impact in our lives in a positive way. I read and pray for hundreds of people all the time. And I consistently find that most of the prayer requests fall into several categories. Three to be specific: finances is one, big one, health is another big one. And here we've discovered that as we use our positive thoughts, that it will have a positive impact on our health. And if you're suffering from

health concerns today and are asking prayers for health, I want you to begin today to think positive thoughts. And one of the most positive thoughts you can think is this: God IS answering my prayers. Its one of the most positive thoughts you can ever think. God IS answering my prayers. In addition to that, let me give you some more positive affirmations you can think. Here is one: I have favor with God. That's my son's favorite line. He says it all the time. You may have seen him here in the pulpit once or twice; in fact he's going to be preaching here in a couple weeks, Bobby, that's his line, that's his positive affirmation. I have favor with God. Here's one that you've heard here every Sunday morning, because we like to believe that we're a positive ministry. Everyone here believe that we're a positive ministry? I believe that. Here's one: God loves me. We say that every morning. Turn to the person to your right and left, shake their hand and say God loves you and so do I. Positive affirmations. But then we have to take it and internalize our positive thoughts for them to have positive action and positive effects. So we have to make it personal. God is answering my prayers. God loves me. Here's another one: God is blessing me. Do you want to leave this place healthier than when you came in? If that's the case, then repeat these phrases after me: I have favor with God. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS) God loves me. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS) God is blessing me. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS) God is answering my prayers. (AUDIENCE RESPONDS) By simply saying those words, the biology of your body begins to shift in a positive way and you start creating healthier cells, and as a result of that, every time you say those positive affirmations, your body gets stronger. It's a fact. God is answering our prayers through hard work because I believe this: that its imperative for us to pray like it all depends on God, but at the same time, to work like it all depends on us. That we have personal responsibility as individuals that God wants us to be active. Luck, I believe, is a four letter word and its spelled w-o-r-k. It's work. We pray the prayer, we've been taught by Jesus to pray the prayer, "Lord give us this day our daily bread." But at the same time, Lord give us the strength to be able to go and collect the bread that You have for us. In the Old Testament, Moses took the Israelites through the wilderness and every single day, God fed the Israelites. Manna fell from the sky. But they had to go out and they had to collect it, and I believe it was very difficult to get a days worth of food by collecting this manna. And some days there was probably more than others, because we know that they tried to collect more than a days amount of food. And if they did, guess what happened? It rotted. It rotted. So every single day, God made them work. They had to go out into the wilderness, they had to collect this manna that was given to them and they could eat that day. But the next day they had to do it again. And there was a reason why God has us work. My mother, if I was just fooling around getting in trouble, she'd come and she'd always give me some chores and some work to do. And this was her excuse for making me do something even though I didn't think it needed to be done. I'd look outside and I'd see the sidewalks and they looked perfectly clean to me and she'd say go out and sweep the sidewalks. But mom they're not dirty. I don't care, go out there and sweep the sidewalks, or mow the lawn, or whatever it was. And her rational for that was this: idle hands belong to the devil. Oh. Oh yes mom. I'll go out there right away. I don't want my hands being used by the devil. And I believe there is an understanding we must realize that through hard work, God has impact in our lives and answers our prayers. He is answering our prayers through positive thought, through hard work, through the Bible. The Bible is filled with positive words for us to be able to continue to realize how He instructs us and guides us. One of the things we need to do when we read the Bible is internalize its words and I'm going to give you

some instruction on how to read the Bible right now. In Psalm 41, let me read these words, and then I'm going to read them twice. First the Psalm 41 says this: "How blessed is he who considers the helpless. The Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble." Now that's the first verse. But whenever you hear the Bible talking about someone else put your name in it. It doesn't matter what it is, if it's talking about somebody else, put your name in it. So listen to what happens when we put our name in it. How blessed is Robert who considers the helpless. The Lord will deliver Robert in the day of trouble. The Lord will protect Robert and keep Robert alive and Robert shall be called blessed upon the earth. Psalm 41. And what I want you to do, if you want to hear God answering your prayers, read the Psalms. But put your name in it! Put your name in it. When you put your name in it, it comes alive and it speaks to you and you hear the voice of God like you never have before. It's easy when you say he, he, he to never personalize anything and that's not what the Bible's intended to do. Because the Bible's intended to answer our prayers and I believe the guidance we need is in the Bible. God answers our prayers through positive thoughts, through hard work, through people and situations. I was given a letter by Elizabeth Tebeaux, by Don Neuen; actually it was given to him. And here's the letter. She said "two of our engineering doctoral students," she's a professor of English at Texas A&M. She said "two of our engineering doctoral students just returned from Europe, Afghanistan and Iraq, and I served on their dissertation committee. Describing their tour of duty, they frequently want to talk about the loss of familiarity culture, shock from being away from the US for more than a year. When I asked them how they coped with moving back and forth from Europe to the Mid East, they both said they watched the Hour of Power every chance they had. They both said that the positive messages and the Hour of Power choir gave them the blessings that often helped them get through weeks, always characterized by fear and uncertainty. One of them, Josh, talked about listening to an anthem while he was in a dug out and listening to a renegade terrorist's group running and screaming across a dusty road no more than 20 feet away. Both have used the Hour of Power to share the Christian message with enlisted men. In short, I wanted you to know that you are making a very critical difference in the lives of people who badly need support." You can congratulate yourselves for making that possible. God answers our prayer through people, through situations. That's why it's so important to go to church and to be involved in Bible studies. One of the truth's of church and Bible study is that it is the safest place in the world to be. Did you know that one of the most dangerous places is in automobiles, so you want to avoid riding in automobiles if you want to be safe in the world today because 20% of all fatal accidents take place in automobiles? But while we're on the subject, you probably want to stay away from home, too. Seventeen percent of all accidents occur in homes. So then you also want to be careful on the streets, walking on streets and sidewalks is another 14% of all accidents. And then another 16% are due to air, rail and water transportation. And then this is the most dangerous place of all. Thirty three percent of all deaths occur in hospitals. So above all else, stay away from hospital, but here's the kicker: one percent of one percent of all deaths occur in worship services. So the safest place in the world to be is in church, and the only place safer than that is in Bible studies. Less people die in Bible studies than in church, so, make sure you're with people in church and in Bible studies if you're concerned about your health and your safety. God answers our prayers through people and situations. God answers our prayers by not saying yes to everything. How many people are glad they didn't marry the first person you thought you fell in love with? Think about it. Yeah. God answers our prayers by

not saying yes to everything. And the reason He does that is because He knows us so well. The Bible says that He knows how many hairs are on our head. Does anyone here know themselves that well? I don't think so. But it's amazing how many people think they know who we are. I just got an e-mail recently. The computer thinks they know who my mother is, in fact more specifically, amazon.com thinks they know my mother. Can you believe that? What they do know is that it's her birthday and they just sent me an e-mail out of the clear blue. Maybe it's on the Jumbotron. There it is. It says "Arvella Schuller's birthday coming up in 15 days." And so then they gave me a list of the items that my mother would want to buy from amazon.com. And here's the first one on the list: Ninja Turtles! My mother wants Ninja Turtles. I'm going oh they know her really well, all right, yep, yep. Buffy the Vampire Slayer. That's my mother, you bet; when you're not looking, she puts on her Buffy costume and she's out there going after those vampires. That's my mom all right. Oh, don't forget Die Hard, oh yes, she loves those shoot them up, bang, bang movies, you know. That's my mother all right. Oh yeah. Well, thank goodness God knows us really, really well. And He's not going to send us a notice telling us that we need things that we don't need. He's not going to say yes to things we think we want but don't want. And he's not going to say yes to things that are going to hurt us and that are going to bite us. That are going to be nasty for us. God has something better in mind. The positive talk we talk to ourselves is that God must have a better plan for me, a better idea for me. And no matter what happens we keep this thought in our mind at all times: God IS answering my prayers. He's answering them through positive words and thoughts, through hard work, through the Bible, through people and situations, and thank You Lord for not saying yes to everything. And so oh God, allow Your positive thoughts to enter our minds. To touch our hearts, to fill our souls. Give us the strength, oh Lord, to move forward in faith, knowing that with You we can do all things, 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, wise and strong His hand.

NEXT WEEK ON HOP - RAS RAS: Next Sunday, Nick Vujicic, how many people remember Nick Vujicic? What an amazing young man he is. He can do anything that any of us can do. The only thing he does them without hands, without arms, without legs. So I want to encourage you to call your friends and your neighbors and bring them to church that they might be able to hear this inspiring, uplifting man and hear his message that he'll share with us next week entitled, "Victory in God's Grace and Perfection." It's going to be a great Sunday.

BENEDICTION - RAS RAS: And with that, let me give you a closing benediction: And now may the power of God's holy spirit fill your mind with positive thoughts, that whatever you face tomorrow, today and the days ahead, you'll face with this gift of God, His blessings, His guidance, His love, Amen.

ANTHEM - "It is Well With My Soul" When peace like a river attends my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Oh Lord, now the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul! It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, bring the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul! It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul. It is well.