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PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Heisman Trophy winner and NFL star Herschel Walker shares how he's overcoming multiple personality disorder through the grace of Jesus Christ.

HERSCHEL: We have a tendency of going off on our own direction and get lost, but as I keep my eye on him, it'll be okay.

VO: Also former Miss America, the amazing Dorothy Benham.

DOROTHY: Upon this rock I'll build My kingdom, and on this rock forever and ever it shall stand.

VO: Then are you going through tough times? Today the Hour of Power continues a series from Dr. Robert Schuller to help you re-build your shattered dreams with his special message "There are Infinite Possibilities in Little Beginnings."

RHS: Beginning is half done! Start small! Think tall! There are infinite possibilities in little beginnings if God is in it.

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

RHS: Good morning. Why don't you turn to somebody now and give them our greeting, God loves you and so do I.

Well this is a wonderful morning. I happen to know very well what's going to happen in the next 60 minutes and it is terrific. It is fantastic. It is wonderful. It is beautiful. It is uplifting. It is inspiring. It is motivating. It is educational. It is self affirming. Is that enough?

So let's pray: Dear God, thank You for a place where when we come, we can laugh and we can have fun and we can get a happy tear in the eye and we can get a drum beat in the heart and roll on with power. Thank You God. Everybody that's here has a place for love in their heart and so that's You coming in all of us and loving people through us. Thank You. Amen.

HYMN - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His love, support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

INTRODUCTION TO WALT KALLESTAD - RHS

RHS: All God's people said WOW! You may be seated. What a wonderful, exciting morning we have today. I am so excited that I have as a friend who's here for the weekend, a man who's been a friend of mine for over 30 years. He is a board member of the international board that makes all the final major decisions in this ministry that affects the world. His name is Walt Kallestad, and he's been a senior pastor of the Community Church of Joy for over 30 years. Went to a tiny little Lutheran church in Glendale Arizona and today is recognized as one of the most successful pastors and the most successful churches in the world. Now he's a member of the board which reminds me of my favorite story; a minister asked all the members of the board to come forward after the service. First guy was a total stranger. And the minister said who are you? Well he said you asked all the bored members to come forward and if there is any member here more bored than I am, I'd like to meet him. And so Walt Kallestad, come on up here and I want you to read the scripture for us today.

WK: Thank you, thank you.

RHS: You know I said to you any time I get close to you I always cry. You mean that much to me and have for thirty years.

WK: Thank you. Well I love you and I thank God. God is shouting out today and I hope you hear Him; Well done good and faithful servant.

RHS: Thank you, Walt.

WK: Thank you, thank you.

SCRIPTURE – Sel. Verses from Psalm 18 & Matthew 16 – Walt Kallestad

WK: If I could take just a moment to let you know last night my wife and I have a personal intercessor, an I-one intercessor. His name is Bjorn Peterson. We walked the campus and we're praying for you, for this gathering today and for what God is doing in and through this amazing ministry.

God called me standing on the steps just outside the arboretum 33 years ago. He called me to become a fulltime ordained minister and I prayed as I stood there and I got tears in my eyes. I said God would You be willing to call multitudes to serve You from this place that would bring global transformation as the gospel of Jesus Christ is advanced and I just sensed His pleasure and His words of encouragement. And one of the words that I'm going to read to you from Psalm 118. It is a word of encouragement.

And during the despair and the brokenness that we all experience, what Jesus is doing is making us more and more like Him. That's His desire and we go through refining fires and He purifies our hearts and our minds and these words coming from selected passages in Psalm 18:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. My God is my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise. Yes Lord, keep my lamp burning. My God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop. With my God, I can scale a wall. As for God, His way is perfect. The Lord's word is flawless. He shields all who take refuge in Him. For who is God besides the Lord and who is the rock except our God. It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. The Lord lives; praise be to my rock.

And then listen to what Jesus said in Matthew 16:18: And on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. This is the powerful word of God.

SOLO – DOROTHY BENHAM – “Upon this Rock”

When others see with earthly eyes just what they want to see, You will see the things that never die. You will know and recognize by simple, childlike faith the priceless truth others will deny. When others say He’s just a man who liked to dream His dreams, when others call a miracle all a myth you’ll miss Him for eternity, in moments as they pass, and see with spirit eyes what others miss.

Upon this Rock, I’ll build my kingdom, and on this rock forever and ever it shall stand, and all the powers of Hell itself shall never more prevail against it, for Satan’s thrones are built on sinking sand. Upon this Rock, I’ll build my kingdom, and on this rock forever and ever it shall stand, upon this rock of revelation, I’ll build a strong and mighty nation and it will stand the storms of time.

Upon this Rock, I’ll build my kingdom, and on this rock forever shall stand, upon this rock of revelation, I’ll build a strong and mighty nation and it shall stand the storms of time upon this Rock. I’ll build my church upon this Rock. Upon this Rock!

RHS THANK YOU TO DOROTHY BENHAM
RHS: Love you, Dorothy. Thank you.

INTERVIEW – HERSCHEL WALKER

RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER HW: HERSCHEL WALKER

RHS: Herschel Walker. Well, he’s widely regarded as one of football’s greatest running backs. He led the University of Georgia to victory in the Sugar Bowl on the way to an NCAA championship and he capped a sensational college career by earning the 1982 Heisman Trophy. Wow. He spent 12 years in the NFL where he rushed for more than 8,000 yards, scored 61 rushing touchdowns. Despite his successful career, Herschel was living in turmoil. After seeking professional help, he was diagnosed with quote dissociative identity disorder, best known as multiple personality disorder. In his book, and I have a copy here, Breaking Free, he shares his struggle with this illness, how his faith in Jesus Christ is helping him to live with it today. Please welcome with me, Herschel Walker.

Heisman Trophy: well you can’t get anything bigger than that, right?

HW: That’s true. If I knew what it was then you can’t get anything bigger than that.

RHS: The shocking thing is we find out about your disorder, you don’t remember getting it.

HW: No, I don’t remember getting a Heisman Trophy and as I look back..

RHS: Where was your head?

HW: ..well you know the Heisman really never meant that much to me. I was very fortunate to go to college and I went to college on a scholarship to get an education and the Heisman Trophy was just a blessing from God that I never

really thought about winning a Heisman. And as a little kid growing up I didn't even know what a Heisman was. And the night of the ceremony was not a night that I remember. But then there are a lot of awards that I've gotten that I don't remember so I figure that goes with everything else.

RHS: What is this personality disorder?

HW: Well dissociative identity disorder is a coping mechanism that people that suffer trauma go through. It's something that I probably lived with all my life, but as I said through this here you don't need medication. You know there are a lot of doctors that diagnose this as being schizophrenic or bipolar and those are totally different things. Here you don't need medication. Some people do, but I didn't need medication and you know some of the trauma that I suffered as a little kid was really just bullying, you know being bullied as a little kid I was a little bit smaller than most kids and being put in the corner.

RHS: I'll bet you didn't let them bully you around.

HW: Not anymore, not anymore they don't bully me now. But back then I was a little bit overweight. I love to eat I mean food was my greatest friend so I think that was my problem.

RHS: Wow. Tell me has your faith helped you to live with this disorder?

HW: My faith was the biggest key of me overcoming this disorder. And it was strange because when I first heard about my ex-wife was telling me things I was doing that I was not aware. The first thing I did was I turned to the church. I went to see one of my ministers there in Dallas and it's funny because he was going to do an exorcism. And I started laughing at him and then I went to a doctor and he told me I had dissociative identity disorder and I started laughing at him because the only thing I thought about that was Cybil and I knew I wasn't crazy. But then I turned to pastor Tony Evans there in Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and he said first you are not going to lose your faith. And God kept my faith strong as I was going through treatment and as I tell everyone as I was watching this movie Forrest Gump when this guy asks Forrest, 'have you found Jesus?' and Forrest said 'I didn't know he was missing' and that's what I had to remember in my life. That Jesus don't get missing, we the one that gets missing. His light is always on. We just got to keep heading in that direction. We have a tendency of going off in our own direction and get lost but as I keep my eye on Him it will be okay.

RHS: Now, you got a nice tie.

HW: Well you know I started working.

RHS: You don't look poor.

HW: No I started working, I've been blessed and that's what was so strange about this disorder. Everything in my life was going well. You know I was like as they call blue and whatever they call it. But what was strange is I have a company of over 500 employees and I created this business. I have, you know, I have a little boy eight-year-old beautiful little boy. My life is going so well and this illness thing came about and you know I could have hid it. I didn't have to tell anyone, but I said you know that would have been a sin. Because I said there are a lot of people out there that are suffering, there are a lot of people out there that are hurting, and they don't know where to go. And they are ashamed to step out and I said you know you can't be ashamed. If you need help, get help. You want to be free and God can set you free.

RHS: Herschel Walker, would you autograph it for me?

HW: Oh yes sir, I will do that.

RHS: Well anyway, and you can get your book in the bookstore. Dear God, our eyes are opened..

HW: Thank you.

RHS: ..our mouths are smiling; we're a couple of happy guys up here Lord..

HW: Yes sir.

RHS: ..thanks to You, Amen.

HW: Thank you, amen. Thank you.

INTRODUCTION TO PAUL JACOBS – RHS

RHS: You are about to hear the pipe organ, truly one of the greatest pipe organs in the world, but you've never heard it like you're about to hear it today. Paul Jacobs..

PJ: Yes.

RHS: ..welcome. So honored that here you are on a tour. You're giving a full concert this afternoon.

PJ: Yes.

RHS: And people who are on a tour, doing a full concert don't take side gigs like this. The fact that you'd come and volunteer to be a guest organist today is tremendous. He is the head of the organ department at the Julliard School of Music. And let me read this: he memorized the complete works of Bach, memorized the complete works of Bach several times. Wow! And you memorized the complete organ works of Messiaen. I don't know that name.

PJ: Yes, Messiaen a 20th century composer, very important, also a devout Christian. And often times the great intellectuals in academics don't have faith and Messiaen said 'I am a composer of faith' and he was a great composer for the organ as well.

RHS: And you memorized all the works?

PJ: Yes.

RHS: And Brahms?

PJ: Brahms, marvelous.

RHS: And Franck?

PJ: And Cesar Franck, yes.

RHS: And Vierne?

PJ: Louis Vierne, he was organist of Notre Dame Cathedral until he died on the organ console. Interesting.

RHS: Did he?

PJ: Yes, he was performing and died while playing the great organ of Notre Dame Cathedral.

RHS: What killed him? The console?

PJ: I think a stroke.

RHS: So here you are and you're visiting the Crystal Cathedral because you're here in Orange County for your great concert this afternoon, but why are you giving your time and your talent to our pleasure today?

PJ: First off, it is my pleasure and my honor to be here before all of you and playing one of the world's great organs. Please don't take this great instrument for granted. I have been looking forward to this for a long time and I'm glad that it's coming to pass now.

RHS: What makes it a world's great organ?

PJ: Oh I think not only the sheer size of it.

RHS: Seventeen thousand pipes I'm told.

PJ: Yes that's quite a few. But also..

RHS: A lot of whistles.

PJ: ..ranging in size from a soda straw to 32 feet in length, I'm sure. But also the quality, how these various pipes work together in combination and the

sensation that an organist has to command these thousands of pipes. Mozart called it the king of instruments and indeed it is.

RHS: I can't imagine how you could memorize all of the works of Bach and all of these other people. Did you ever memorize Schuller's organ compositions?

PJ: Not yet, not yet.

RHS: Not yet, okay. What are you going to play for us now?

PJ: I have the pleasure of sharing with all of you a work of Johan Sebastian Bach, a movement from his Cantata #29, "We Thank Thee God, We Thank Thee." Thank you sir.

RHS: Thank you.

PJ: My pleasure.

ORGAN SOLO – PAUL JACOBS – "Sinfonia (from Cantata #29)"

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHEM – DON NEUEN

DN: The choir would like you to know that every singer up here comes to you every week with a very direct conscious mission. A mission to make sure that every word, syllable, vowel, consonant, every musical note that we sing is sung in a really meaningful manner so that it will make a positive impact on your worship of God. We're not here to perform, entertain or to make some kind of a show. We're only here to enhance your worship of God. Wherever you are here in the congregation, at home, in a hospital, in a hotel, in an assisted care living facility, in a nursing home or one of our military scattered throughout the world we want to help you worship through our song and so we hope you'll think during our songs this year what the words mean to you as you worship. The quality of the very music itself like this incredible organ, the orchestra, the anthems, the great traditional classical music of the church stimulating Christian thought. We are always here only to enhance your worship.

Today's anthem, "If God Be for Us" who could be against us, is an incredibly important message. It's that we remember no matter what the forces of challenge that this life may bring face to face with us, tough times, persecution, famine, peril, the sword, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us and no one or no thing can ever separate us from the love of God. Dr. Schuller has said many times 'tough times never last but tough people do.' He said it, we'll sing about it.

ANTHEM - "If God Be For Us"

If God be for us, who can be against us? If God be for us, we have nothing to fear.
If God be for us, if God be for us, we have nothing to fear!

Who shall separate us from the love of God? Who shall separate us from the love of God? Who shall separate us from the love? Who shall separate us from the love? Shall tribulation, or distress, persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us.

If God be for us, who can be against us? If God be for us, we have nothing to fear.
If God be for us, if God be for us, we have nothing to fear! Our God is with us!
Amen! Amen!

VO TO RHS MESSAGE

VO: If you are going through tough times in your own life, let Dr. Robert Schuller help you rebuild your lost hope and shattered dreams with this special message for today, "There are Infinite Possibilities in Little Beginnings." Here is Dr. Robert Schuller.

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT H. SCHULLER

"Infinite Possibilities in Little Beginnings"

RHS: All of us should position ourselves to see the future with optimism and with hope. And that will only happen as we exercise faith, because optimism and enthusiasm just doesn't drop out of the sky. It's not something you can eat or drink. It's something that bubbles up from the depth of your own heart and soul. And it comes when you exercise leadership over your own life, and your destiny.

If you've just joined us this morning, for the first time, will those who have been here every week please allow me to re-cap for the benefit of those who haven't been here every Sunday. We began by taking a look at the book of Genesis in the Holy Bible and we looked at a man called Adam. And we saw how clearly it's written that he was created in the image of God. And God said to him, "I have created this beautiful world and I'm putting you in charge of it. I'm giving you authority and dominion. Take good care of it! Take good care of this planet and all of the life that's on it and in it, Adam." Adam: the human being and you were the first. You are born to be a leader. You will have to make many decisions. You know, we hear a lot about power and control today and I'm often listening to people saying in criticism of others that they all want power and control. Well we don't have time to turn this into a power and control lecture, but where does the need for power and control come from? Basically, it is a very normal, natural, healthy root in the human being because we are decedents of Adam who was told by God that we would have dominion! We were created to be power and control persons because we are told that we have to make our own decisions and we all make our own decisions or we surrender leadership to forces that are totally manipulated in their use of humans. Leadership is absolutely important. We all need some power and control over temptations, to take the lesser road instead of the higher road.

We looked at Moses. And we, if you remember, we remember watching Moses growing up in the palace of Egypt. No wonder he was called Prince of Egypt for 40 years until he left and then lived for 40 years with Midianites in the desert. And at the age of 80 was called by God to lead the people Israel out of Egypt, where they virtually lived as slaves, and bring them to a promised land.

And you remember how Moses took a classic negative thinking attitude toward his call. Just like some of you are doing listening to me right now. And I'm going to change you. No, I'm not, God will.

Here Moses is called by God to a leader. What a great opportunity. What an awesome challenge. He says, "Look God, I can't even talk. I ss...I ss...I-I stutter. And look God, the people won't listen to me. They won't believe me." Finally, Moses says, "find somebody else."

And God says, "What is in your hand, Moses? What gifts have I given you? What talents? What's in your hand? What opportunities do you face? What's in your hand, Moses!? Make the most of it!"

Leadership: It starts with a principle that we must choose to be persons and that's exercising power and control over decisions that we have to make, or we'll surrender ourselves to the mercy of forces that are not designing our benefit in their planning and in their programming. And then, we have to look at what we have in our hand.

Then it's time to dare to say yes. Never say no. Say yes, if. Yes, when. Yes, but. Yes, after. Yes, even before I have all the answers. But don't say no.

And today is the last word in achieving leadership success in your private, or your public life. It's very simple. Success, the last word, the word is begin. I mean begin. Stop dreaming. Stop thinking. Move from daydreaming to live action. Success: start small but think tall.

One of the things I'm running into in my years of dealing with people on this subject is that too many young people want to start big on top quick. And it doesn't work that way. If it does work it's an exception. And it creates a bigger problem to the successful person who starts too big, too fast, than it does to the person, who grows slowly, solidly, surely, steadfastly with a sustaining inner spiritual strength.

I happen to be on the board of Horatio Alger. In fact this weekend, Thursday and Friday, we'll have our board meeting. Now that's an awesome collection of friends. But now let me tell you something about them. Every year we have to look at about 2000 nominations for new members that can receive the Horatio Alger Award. Of the 2000, 10 will be selected. They will come from science. They will come from industry. They will come from the humanities. They will come from the arts. They will come from athletics. It's a tough decision to choose the ten that will join this year. But here's the thing: Everyone nominated and accepted must give evidence that they started at the bottom! And everyone sitting around that table, no matter how rich or famous they may be, they all had to give evidence that they started with virtually nothing! And look around that table and oh, the first office was the back seat of his car. And his first warehouse was the trunk of his car! And he expanded from the trunk of a car into the garage! And from there he went on. Or she went on. Start at the bottom. Start small but think tall!

Infinite possibilities in little beginnings if God is in it. That's the theme that sums up leadership today. And if you have a dream and you have an opportunity, you'll look at what you have in your hand. What do you have in your hand? A chance to go to school. Wow. What do you have in your hand? An opportunity to expand your education. Wow. What do you have in your hand? Oh, you live in a country where you're free to set up your own business. Wow.

What do you have in your hand? A promise of God that recovery is possible. That if you will exercise the therapy and take care of your body you can recover. Some of you are listening to me from a hospital where you had your first chemotherapy treatment the past few days, and I have no idea where you are, but there are surely many people like that listening.

What's in your hand? Why, care. Medical treatment. New drugs. New possibilities for healing and living longer than you ever expected. Now what? There are infinite possibilities in little beginnings if God is in it. Start small. Think tall.

You've all heard me tell how I wrote my first book. Maybe you didn't. When I came here to begin this church, Mrs. Schuller and I had only \$500 and there were no members. And the only place to start a church we found was in a drive-in theater.

We started small. But there were infinite possibilities in these little beginnings. I was sure of it. And I made a promise with my wife and the two of us made a promise on our knees to God Almighty. And we said, "The rest of our life we will devote to You, Lord, in building a church that can do something beautiful in the world." And we have dedicated our whole life here.

Now, we belonged to a denomination and the salary that I am paid was set by my denomination. It's very small. And my concern was I got five kids and I

want them to be able to go to college. Now I'll never earn enough money as a minister to do that. So I prayed. And I was motivated in prayer to write a book. And write a book and tell people through books what God is doing.

I don't know how to write a book. But I'll never forget the time I took out the typewriter and I put a piece of paper through it. I was motivated by a line I learned in college from my history professor, who said one time, "beginning is half done." I thought if that's the truth I'll start.

I put the paper in the typewriter and I can still remember I'm not a typist; I'm a one, two finger typist like this. And I wrote on that paper the title: "Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking," by, at the bottom, Robert Schuller. And I pulled it out. Oh, I'm an author.

Beginning is half done! Start small. Think tall. There are infinite possibilities in little beginnings if God is in it. I kept that piece of paper. Sometime along the way I threw it away. I wish I had it. I'd frame it today. It didn't take much to become an author. A piece of paper in a typewriter.

What am I saying? There are infinite possibilities in little beginnings! If God is in it! And God is into you! Whoever you are! Wherever you are! Young or old! Tiny or small! I don't care. Every human being is a person! And God has a plan for every person. He has a dream. What is in your hand? Oh, dare to say yes. But, right now, be prepared.

To begin. You type it on a piece of paper. Maybe you open a bank account and you put a ten dollar bill in there and you're starting a savings account and you're going to watch it grow. You will.

You will take ten percent of all the money you earn and give it to God. You'll take ten percent and invest it in a savings for your family, for your children. You'll live on the balance. And you'll be surprise as the years go by how you've achieved financial security with independence, and in the process you have become a philanthropist and boy does that ever feel good.

Infinite possibilities in little beginnings, if God is in it. What is in your hand? Reach for the clay. Look for the book. Pick up some exercise equipment. Or pause alone to pray and then ring for the nurse and say I'm ready for my chemotherapy shot. Be a leader! Tomorrow has never happened before. Tomorrow will be here in less than 24 hours. Tomorrow is coming like it or not and guess what: it's the greatest gift you can get because tomorrow for you is free. There's no admission price. Tomorrow with that little bit of faith in God, you'll find something and begin to go at it.

Dear Lord, this is a great day. This is a great church. This is a great world; it's a great human race. Dear Lord, this is a great faith. Jesus Christ thank You. You are our Lord, You are our Savior, You are our big possibility thinker and You're saying to us again this morning, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to your mountain MOVE, and it will move and nothing, nothing will be impossible." We've got the faith. You've got the power. Let's make it a great week together You, Jesus Christ and me, Amen.

ORGAN SOLO – PAUL JACOBS - "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you and may God give you His peace in your going out and in your coming in, in your lying down and in your rising up, in

your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning. Amen.

HYMN - "Have Faith in God/'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Have faith in God, my heart, trust and be unafraid; God will fulfill in every part each promise He has made.

Have faith in God, my mind even though the light burns low, God's mercy holds a wiser plan than you can fully know.

Lord Jesus, make me whole; Grant me Your resting place. I give my all, heart, mind and soul, completely to Your grace.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus says the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus, for His love will never cease; And in simple faith He gives me life and rest and joy and peace!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!