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

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Yale University's Miroslav Volf suffered confinement and interrogation for his faith in his native Yugoslavia, but has learned the incredible power of forgiveness.

MIROSLAV: I found out then that really we are most like God when we're able to love those who are different, when we are able to forgive.

VO: Also today, America's hymn singer, Tom Tipton.

TOM: Can we find a friend so faithful.

VO: Then, do you need motivation during these tough economic times? Let Dr. Robert Schuller give you the 5 Basics of a Hope Filled Faith.

RHS: You're a person, you're managing ideas, you're proud of who you are and what you're doing. You are practicing possibility thinking. Yes. Nothing is impossible.

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! Turn around and greet somebody and give them a blessing: God loves you and so do I. This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us pray.

We bow our heads, we open our hearts, we wait to listen to Your special messages sent to us. We are here, O God, because we love You and we love Jesus Christ and His Spirit makes us one in faith, in hope, and in love. And we are being blessed and shall be as the hour unfolds. Hallelujah. Amen.

### HYMN - "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word; From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; With His own love He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, One Faith, One Birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end. Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest. The Church is built on Christ our Lord!

### SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 3 & 4 - RHS

RHS: You may be seated. Always we come together and we can hear verses from the holy bible. A collection of inspirational statements that together is

called the word of God. Today, these words are from Ephesians as the apostle Paul reminds us of the beautiful and unified family that we can be as a church, founded on Jesus Christ. Hear these words of St. Paul:

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Think of it: Paul wrote those words 2000 years ago. Here we are gathered in a building that.. a place where Christians come to live the faith.

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in you all.

This is the word of the Lord.

#### ANTHEM - "We Walk By Faith"

We walk by faith and not by sight, we trust in God and not in might. For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say. But we know God will make a way if we will trust, trust and obey. We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might. For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done. And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one. We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might. For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand. And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the Promised Land. We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might. For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

#### RHS THANK YOU TO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

RHS: Thank you Cathedral Choir.

#### PROMO – Glory of Christmas - RHS

RHS: Well this church is offering many gifts to the whole community and to the world this Christmas season. First of all, we have the Glory of Christmas. Don't miss it, even if you saw it before, it has become Southern California's Christmas tradition, like the Rose Parade in Pasadena has become a New Year's tradition. Don't miss it.

INTERVIEW – MIROSLAV VOLF

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RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER      MV: MIROSLAV VOLF

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RHS: My guest today, fantastic guests we get, in fact I spent a day at Horatio Alger meeting in Toronto and one of my friends there is the famed researcher and he whispered to me, 'I've done it.' I said, 'you have?' I've known him 20 years. He has discovered a cure to Parkinson's disease. He has presented the final triple checked paper to the national organization that has received it, will review it, confirm it. It will then be published in Lancet magazine, the journal where new discoveries are published officially. And I think until then, I shall not name his name, but I asked him if he'd be my guest and he said he'd love to, so in the next few weeks, maybe in the next month, I don't know, he's going to be here in person, from Pittsburgh to share with us how God helped him to discover a cure, that's the word they use, for Parkinson's disease. He was convinced it's where the blood joins the nerve in the brain and he's been working on that thesis for 20 years.

Keep coming, you never know who our guest is going to be. Sometimes they're people that drop in at the last minute but this morning my guest is probably one of the most respected theologians in the world. Miroslav Volf, well he went to seminary here at Fuller Seminary, he taught there and from there, Yale Divinity School hired him to be the professor of systematic theology. He's probably the most respected theologian I've known in my lifetime and count him a friend. He's written several books but the one I have with me today is *The End of Memory: Remembering rightly in a violent world*. Profound book where he has gone through the depths of understanding, how hurts happen and then how to forgive those hurts. And without reconciliation the pain will accelerate. Forgiveness isn't a choice, it's a must. Without it, we inflict further pain on ourselves and upon those upon what we would wish no ill will. The chapters are phenomenal. I just wish I had time to go into it deeper but let's at least meet Miroslav Volf. Thank you.

I first met you when Yale University honored me, invited me to come and lecture and I met you, it was overwhelmed by your intelligence and your humility and most of all your spirit. I want you to start by telling your story.

MV: Well first let me thank you for having me here in this beautiful building, in this beautiful sanctuary. And as I am sitting here and enjoying the beauty of music and of what surrounds me, I'm thinking of particular incidents in my life, especially when I was as a conscripted soldier in Yugoslavia and communist army, interrogated by security service because I was a Christian, I was married to an American, I had studied abroad, I was writing books about Carl Marx, of all people, and there was a big suspicion what was I here doing, trying to undermine the foundations of our great state. And that caused a series of interrogations in order to find out what is happening, where my life was hanging in balance, where I wasn't sure whether I'm going to be alive today, tomorrow, whether I'm going to end up in prison for nine years or so, that was the struggle that I was going through as a preacher's kid who grew up in communist Yugoslavia and that's kind of the crucible out of which my own sense of what it means to be a Christian has emerged.

RHS: What was the persecution you faced?

MV: Well as I was growing up, of course, I was always ostracized as a kid. I was the only professing Christian in my school. My teachers made fun of me because nobody could be really smart and believe that kind of stuff that I was believing. My father was a Pentecostal minister. They had no idea what Pentecostal meant and I was an object of derision. But you know the most important part of this story for me was not so much what was happening to me and to our community on the outside but what was going on in our community and not just in our community but what was going on in our hearts. It's there under the pressures of persecution that I've learned probably the most important lesson of the Christian faith and that is..

RHS: The most important lesson..

MV: ..most important..

RHS: ..of the Christian faith was this while you were in prison before or after?

MV: ..you know I think I learned it from my saintly parents and as many things that you learn, you learn them first by hearing then you learn them by observing, then you learn them by internalizing and experiencing yourself. And as I was interrogated, I've realized how much this has become part of me and that lesson was this: that at the heart of the Christian faith lies the love of God, not just for those who are different but those who are God's enemies. And that at the heart of our life as Christians lies the love of those, even those who are our enemies. I found out then that really we are most like God when we are able to love those who are different, when we are able to forgive. It's almost like you have this big sound resonance coming from God and when you forgive, when you love your enemies, your soul then resonates with this immense love of God toward other people.

RHS: Wow. Tell us about prison. How many years?

MV: I was in jail but I was never really in prison. I was simply threatened there to, you know, so that they could find out what was happening in my life and my struggle there was the struggle for the purity of my own soul. How do I remain the one who loves even under such adverse circumstances, how do I forgive? You know there's a story that I think it's rabbinic but it's a wonderful story about when God was creating the world. When God was creating the world, God saw what kind of evil things humanity will do to each other because of jealousy, because of strife and so forth, and then God, the just one, said well if they do those things, I will have to punish them. But then the merciful said if I punish them, I will have to destroy them. And so the all loving one said I will forgive humanity so that I can create them. So before God created the world, the story goes, God forgave the world and I realized that that's really true of many of our inter human relationships that before we can live fulfilled lives, before we can live full lives, we need to in advance decide to forgive so that we together, not withstanding our conflict and so forth, can live together fulfilled lives as community.

RHS: Well how can you forgive when the hurt remains in the memory system?

MV: That's a fantastic question and I think that's really the struggle. The struggle while you're receiving the hurt for the purity of your soul and then rid that hurt that is in your system, to overcome that. And I think the key for me was when I realized the source of my identity is not what that person is doing to me. The source of my identity is not what I am doing in response to that person. The source of my identity is that I am the beloved child of God. That's who I am. I'm not the one who's been hurt, I have been hurt but that's not my identity. I'm not the one who's angry, I am sometimes angry. But deep down who I am is I am the beloved child of God. That gives you freedom that gives you possibilities then to

embrace yourself as the one who's been hurt but also to embrace the one who has been hurting.

RHS: Wow. Reconciliation.

MV: You know its one of the toughest things to do. I've experienced this as immensely difficult. I found myself, especially with this interrogator of mine. You know he was interrogating me for months and you can imagine what kinds of scars that left in me and I had to struggle, how does this person live in my imagination? Can I find ways in which I can reconcile myself first in my imagination to him..

RHS: Oh that's very, very..

MV: ..so that I can reconcile myself in reality to him. And that is an immense struggle that goes on. And I find myself, you know, sometimes I want to forgive and then I don't want to forgive. Sometimes I forgive and then I take back what I have forgiven. Sometimes I think oh this is completely insane. He deserves to be punished to burning hell for what he has done to me and other times I think but look at yourself Miroslav in the mirror. This is not reflecting the character, the beauty, the immense love of God for human beings. This does not reflect your own sense of what it means to be human being at the deepest level of human beings. This does not reflect the creativity of love. You know the most creative thing in this world is love. And most creative of loves is love of enemy. My big hero, Martin Luther, Protestant reformer said that God's love is not like human love. Human love finds what is lovable, and then loves that. Something that's beautiful, something that can be loved and then loves them. God's love is different. God's love finds that which is not lovable and by loving it, makes it into lovable.

RHS: That's fabulous.

MV: What can be more creative?

RHS: Wow. Amazing book, Memory: A shield in the sword. Memory: its hurts and how you can be healed. Defenders of forgetting: How to forget. Redemption: Harmonizing. And imagine reconciliations. Very, very insightful. Forward looking. I suppose every person listening to our voice surely has had a hurt undeserved and how do we handle the hurt is almost more important than the hurt itself.

MV: Exactly, exactly.

RHS: Yes. And our sinful nature, we tend to do more harm to ourselves by not handling the hurt with Christ. Would you agree with that?

MV: You know I can't do anything about the hurt often but I can do something about how I respond to the hurt.

RHS: That's it.

MV: And the best way to respond to the hurt, if I place myself and place the one who's hurting me under the foot of the cross, we both are sinners. We both have been redeemed. We both have been reconciled in Christ. That is the solid foundation, I think, from which the beautiful fruit of reconciliation can grow.

RHS: Never read this stuff that you wrote here. The End of Memory. Wow. And imagine reconciliation.

MV: You know I was trying to find Captain G, I call him. This was my interrogator. I was trying to locate him after I went out of military service to see, find ways to reconcile with him. I googled him, I talked to some of the military from former Yugoslavia, trying to figure out where this man was. And he wasn't to be found. I don't know what happened to him. And I said well I can't reconcile with him in reality, I better reconcile with him in my imagination.

RHS: Is that right?

MV: So that's what I did. I imagined an encounter with him and how that encounter would go and how he and I, he who for whatever reason has hurt me deeply, could find our way back together. So in my mind, we're reconciled. I just have to find him and reconcile with him in reality.

RHS: The last chapter, very profound. You are going to autograph books today?

MV: I will, yes.

RHS: Yeah and if you're watching on television anywhere in the world, write to us and we'll be glad to send you a copy of a pace setting, record breaking book. New thoughts, new ideas on how to express forgiveness when you don't want to.

MV: Thank you, thank you.

RHS: Thank you, thank you very much.

ANTHEM - "Anthem of Unity – Cut Version"

There is One body and One spirit, One Lord, one faith, One God and Father of all,  
Who is above all, and through all, and in us all. There is one body and one spirit,  
One Lord, one faith, One God and Father of all.

Till we all come in unity of the faith; That we hence forth be no longer children  
but speaking truth in love may grow up into Him from whom the whole body fitly  
joined together and compacted maketh increase of itself in love. One Lord, One  
Faith, One God and Father of all, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

SOLO – TOM TIPTON – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear. What a privilege  
to carry just everything to God in prayer, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Oh but we should  
never be discouraged, we all just need to take it, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh but have we trials, Lord, and temptations. Oh is there trouble anywhere? No,  
but we should never be discouraged, we all just need to take it, take it to the Lord  
in prayer. Oh but can we just find a friend so faithful, my Lord Jesus. Who will  
all, who will all our sorrows share? Oh we should never be discouraged, so I'm  
going to take it in the morning, we all just, come on all of us, we need to take it  
in the morning, Jesus. I know you ought to take it, take it to the Lord, thank you  
Jesus, the Lord in prayer. What a friend, Jesus. What a friend, Jesus. What a  
friend, Jesus.

Oh God bless this house this morning. Give the Lord a big hand clap! Thank You  
Jesus. Come on you can do better than that. Give God glory! Give Him praise this  
morning! Stand up and give it!

VO TO RHS MESSAGE

VO: Do you need motivation during these tough economic  
times? Today in this very special message on the Hour of Power let Dr. Robert  
Schuller give you the 5 Basics of a Hope Filled Faith. Here is Dr. Robert Schuller:

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT H. SCHULLER

"The 5 Basics of Hope Filled Faith"

RHS: My text this morning is from the book of Hebrews 11, chapter 1: "Now  
faith is the substance of things hoped for." Stop right there. When Vince  
Lombardi would get together to train his team at the beginning of every year, he  
would come before these professional football players and he would stand with

his hand and in his hand is a football. He said, "I'm here to train you. Okay to get started look at what I've got in my hand. This is called a football." He always started it that way.

In a book where ex-players told anecdotes, one said, "The worst game they ever played and they lost miserably, they got to the locker room and the coach said, 'don't wash the mud off, don't take your clothes off, don't take your shoes off, you follow me.' And he took them back into the corner of the field where it was muddy and then he put his hand in the air and he held the football. He said, 'You need more training, for starters, this is a football.'

Let's get to the basics. This Bible, this is a Bible. This is the Word of God. The text: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." There's a reason why hope is right between faith and love. You can't have faith and you can't have love without hope in the middle.

How to keep hope alive: think right, pray right, live right, do right and you'll be right. Optimism comes if you know there's no guilt in your heart and soul.

This morning with the left hand, I want to give you the five principles of what this ministry stands for. Ministries have their distinctive contributions to make and you can go to the different denominations and the different independent churches and the different expressions of faith in this world and if you look at them carefully, they're probably all after the same thing, but each one has its distinctive emphasis. So do we. I would summarize it in five points on the left hand this morning. Take another five. What is this ministry focused on? Well with five things and if you get these five points, you will be a hope filled person, then you will be a faith motivated person, and then you will be secure internally so you will be a loving personality.

The five principles. First, become aware of the fact that you're a person and not just a part of people. This ministry tries to turn people into persons. There's quite a difference. The vast majority of human beings see themselves as part of people, more than as persons. And a person is somebody who is aware of the fact that he or she makes decisions that the community cannot make for them. It's private. It's personal, and it's called personhood. That's principle number one.

Think for yourself! I came back from China. I was the first person to allowed to conduct a seminar in a hotel and invite the people to come. No one else had ever been approved. I broke ice. It was in Nanking. And the communist governor was there, but it wasn't easy. I had to submit in writing what I was going to talk about and it went through a variety of layers and almost got torpedoed because they had a problem when they heard that I was telling people to "think."

Hear this: We don't want people to think. We want them to learn. We want them to listen, we want them to obey, but if people are motivated to be individual persons and they all think for themselves, we got a billion people here. We're going to have anarchy.

The ministry that we teach comes from the Old Testament and the New Testament and every individual soul was designed by God to be a distinctive person. You do your own thinking. You make up your minds. That's why in this church we don't indoctrinate you we try to educate you so you'll ask the right questions. We don't try to brain wash you, we try to liberate your imagination to think creatively and that's the heart of real Christianity.

Number one: Personhood. Two: then we turn you into a manager of ideas. We are a great part of the management stuff that's going around the world today, but we have something distinctive. We teach something that is distinctive from what's taught in management in universities. You can go to universities and study

courses on how to manage money. Good. How to manage time. Good. We focus on how to manage ideas. That's crucial. That's basic. This is football!

Number one, become a person. Number two, learn how to manage the ideas that come into you head. Don't miss a great idea when it comes. I was thinking of the time I taught philosophy and psychology in Chapman College in a summer school and it was on a cruise ship. And we had among the faculty; there was a Grandma Finley who was 86 years old. She was peppy, she was jubilant, she was a person. I'll tell you, she was a person. Not just a part of the people. And when we landed in New Zealand, rumors about her got out and there was a press conference like you can't believe and they all wanted to talk to Grandma Finley, and they said, "Well Grammy you're 86 years old, I suppose this is your last trip?" She said, "Oh, I hope not. I don't think so. I belong to the CMT club."

I had heard her mention that once or twice but didn't want to expose my ignorance because she sounded like everybody knew about the CMT club so I put two and two together. I knew what it meant; it meant Chapman's Mature Travelers.

So she said, "I belong to the CMT club." And they said, un-embarrassingly, "What is the CMT club?" And she answered immediately, "It's Can't Miss a Thing." Wow!

Number one, be a person. Number two, manage ideas. Number three, be proud of who you are. Don't buy into this concept that's taught by so many Christians that pride is always a sin. It's wrong. I spent a few hours with Sir John Templeton, one of my dear friends. And I said, "What are you doing these days."

"Well," he said, "I'm preparing a new lecture on humility." I said, "Good, just realize that humility is not the opposite of pride."

He said, "What do you mean?"

I said, "Well the opposite of pride is not humility."

"Oh," he said.

I said, "No, the opposite of pride is shame. Humility and healthy pride are different sides of the same coin, heads and tails. And the coin has equal value whether you've got heads up or tails up."

The truly humble person is not ashamed of his humility, he feels good.

Pride. I'm proud of who I am. I'm proud of my wife, I'm proud of my kids, I'm proud of this church. I'm proud of my faith. I'm proud of .. yes. The opposite of pride is not humility. The opposite of pride is shame. And then he said, "But the Bible says that pride is the beginning of the fall."

I said, "Of course, but that word pride is an English word and it doesn't fully capture the deep dimensions of the original. A better translation would be egotism always proceeds the fall."

Egotism is damnable, demonic and very destructive. That's the difference. Be proud of who you are. We teach become a person. That's transferrable. We teach believe in ideas and manage them effectively. That's real leadership. Idea managers. That's good. It can be taught. Then you become proud of how you handled the dreams God gives you, yes. And then you become a possibility thinker! And you welcome impossible dreams that God is sending to you. It's fantastic.

And five: you recognize the presence of God at all times. It's all around you. You go through a hurt, you turn the radio on and you hear a song, or someone drops a word, and it's just what you need to hear. Or you get a telephone call, or you get a letter, recognize the presence of God. He's around you all the time. You're a person, you're managing ideas, you're proud of who you are and

what you're doing. You are practicing possibility thinking. Yes, nothing is impossible.

Many years ago the president of Harvard, I don't remember his name, but I remember that there was this couple that came into the president's office to see him and they didn't have an appointment and they had travelled a long way to get there and when the secretary said, "Did you have an appointment, I don't see your name." And they said, "No we didn't, but we just want to see the president, we won't take long." And she wore a gingham dress and he wore one of these suits that a farmer in Iowa or California might be caught wearing. They definitely were not Ivy League. They didn't pass the cultural test at all. And so the secretary said, "I'm so sorry, he doesn't have time today. He's in meetings all day." They said, "Well, we'll just wait."

And they waited hour after hour and she knew they would get tired and say well, I'm sorry we'll come back another day, but they didn't leave and the day wore until the end of the day and the president came out of his office and was stuck with them. And the woman in the gingham dress said, "Mr. President, we just want to talk to you just a minute. You know we had a son and he went to Harvard for one year and he just loved this school, but he died and we want to leave a memorial to him on your campus." And the president said, "Listen: that's nice, but if we had a memorial on this campus for every student that served here and studied here a year and died, we'd look like a cemetery probably. We just don't do that."

And then she smoothed out her wrinkled dress and she said, "We didn't want a statue, we just wanted to build a building and have his name on it."

And the president said, "Now you must know .." he could tell by their dress that they were poor farmers, was his guess. He said, "You must know, buildings are very expensive. All the buildings on this campus of Harvard," this was a long time ago, he said, "All of these buildings have cost us seven and a half million dollars."

And she said to her husband, "Honey, if that's all it costs, let's build our own university. And they said, "Goodbye sir." And so they came back to California and they started a university and their son's name is on it. It's Stanford today.

Wow! This ministry, the big five, become a person, don't just be a people. Learn to manage ideas. They're good and bad. Go for them. Three, be proud of what you're doing and what your goals are and where you're going. Four, become a "possibilitizer." Unbelievable, you'll just start your own. And finally, remember, God is with you all the way. And you say, "You know I'm beginning to be a believer in God, but how do I visualize Him. I don't know to imagine Him." I'll tell you how. Just imagine Jesus Christ. He came to this world to make God real and we were told .. He said it, He said, "He that has seen Me has seen the Father." So if you want to see God in your head or in your imagination, see Jesus Christ and follow Him. Embrace Him as your Savior.

Let's pray: O Lord, You are really doing a good thing in us. You are giving us hope and the good feelings we experience, it is Your presence within our personality that gives us these up moods we can identify it. It is a good spirit, it is a Holy Spirit, it is the presence of God. Hallelujah. Amen.

#### HYMN - "O Word of God Incarnate Medley"

O Christ our God incarnate, Redeemer from on high. O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky. We praise You for the radiance; we seek Your Holy face, a lantern to our footsteps, Lord guide us by Your grace.

The Church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, amid the rocks and quick sands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith with Him to dwell! For I know what ever befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. For I know what ever befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears. For gladness breaks like morning wherever Your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might. Lead on, O God, lead on!

#### BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Boy, in a few hours you're going to be out there. And an awful lot of people are not where you are at. You can make a difference. You are making a difference. I now give you the benediction and with it, without any official authority to do so, I am pertinently ordain you all to be ministers through the week. Let your light shine! God bless you.

#### HYMN - "Rise Up, O Church of God"

Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things; Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O Church of Christ! The world for you does wait to share your love and joy and faith. Rise up, rise up, be great! Amen!