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PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Dr. Robert Schuller welcomes the famous brothers of the Christian rock group, The Kry, Jean Luc and Yves Lajoie to share how Christ changed their life.

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VO: Then these famous Canadian brothers will share their music on the Hour of Power.

THE KRY: Take my hand and walk where I lead; keep your eyes on Me alone.

VO: Then, Dr. Schuller welcomes as the guest speaker minister, internationally recognized leadership expert and New York Times best selling author, John Maxwell, with his powerful message, "Running with the Giants."

JOHN: He would say don't let other people put limitations on you or as God's word says, "If God be for you, who can be against you?" Or the Maxwell translation that says if God be for us, everyone else might as well be.

VO: Join us today for the best hour on television, the Hour of Power from the Crystal Cathedral.

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! Well, to get away from the tensions of life, different spirit here. Feel it? It's the spirit of hope. We're beginning to remember that God wants to give you bigger and better and more beautiful blessings than you've ever had! That's why He brought you here. What dreams would you have if you knew you could not fail? Wow.

Shake hands with somebody close to you; give them the blessing God loves you and so do I.

Well this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

Lord, it's getting kind of easy to be glad here in this place which has such a different fragrance, a different flavor from the places where some of these good people have to work or some of the residences where they have to share quarters with others. A special place, God, You made it, You put it together, and now You put us here. You really love us, don't You? Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – From All Who Dwell/Count Your Blessings/Holy, Holy, Holy"

From all who dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

When upon life's journey you are stressed or tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. Count your blessings, name them one by

one; Count your blessings see what God has done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the work seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly and you will be singing as the days go by. Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings see what God has done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God has done. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Your works shall praise Your name in earth and sky and sea. Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three persons blessed Trinity.

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 147 - RHS

RHS: You may be seated. We are Christians, most of us, and we follow the tradition of great religions: Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism. One day in seven in the Ten Commandments was set aside for you to come together in a place and thank God, and lay your burdens behind when you walk out the door. And to hear words from the Holy Bible, written hundreds and thousands of years before we lived. This is the church and now its time to hear words written over 2000 years ago in the bible.

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise Him. He heals the brokenhearted and He binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power. His understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble. Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the power of human legs. The Lord delights in those who trust Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

This is the word of the Lord.

ANTHEM - "The Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey; their luminous display reflects the power of God, the power of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The heavens are telling the glory of God. The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with His glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God!

There is not a plant or flower below that makes Your glories known. And clouds, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne. While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, and everywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there; We joyously declare the power of Your love, Your powerful love, Your love!

RHS THANK YOU TO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

RHS: Thank you, choir.

free fuel and all of that so went to that church a couple times. Second time there's an invitation that's given and I know my heart is pounding very hard and I went forward to the invitation, not really knowing what I was doing. But God called me by name and said I want to save you today, I want to give you a new life and that was it. That was it for me, the beginning of a real satisfying relationship with Jesus Christ. 1989, so..

RHS: Wow. Were the two of you together in that whole process?

YVES: Yes, we were, actually.

JEAN-LUC: Yes.

YVES: We had a band from Quebec, four French Canadians trying to make it to Hollywood and after he became a Christian, actually the band broke up and he started to feel convicted about changing the, you know, the places we played and stuff and I actually, I moved to Houston Texas with a friend of mine, just cause I, you know, I didn't know what to do..

JEAN-LUC: You were trying to get away from me.

YVES: I was trying to get away from him because..

JEAN-LUC: He was.

YVES: ..he had become a Christian and I thought he was a little weird. But I actually became a Christian watching the Christian TV.

RHS: What kind of a Christian are you?

JEAN-LUC: We are the kind who just want to follow Jesus and read His word, and apply His word and I think you know you would say just the pure, you know, believing in Him with all of your heart, not making it a religion or you know a set of things you do or don't do. It's just following Jesus and when you do, Jesus said "When you love Me, you will obey My commandments and My commandments are not burdensome." So we just want to love Jesus.

RHS: Wow.

JEAN-LUC: You know.

RHS: My notes tell me that you once were called the town drunk?

YVES: Well pretty much. I did have a problem with drinking for many years and my poor brother had to pick me up a few times, and you know that's where its amazing, you know, to see what God has done from just being drunk every night, playing the bars every night and big on drugs to just being delivered, you know, from one day to the other, just being delivered by the power of the Lord. So that's pretty awesome.

RHS: Somebody's listening to me right now, somewhere in the world among the millions, probably a lot of people are right now looking into your face, listening to your words and they are where you were. What do you say to them?

YVES: Well I would definitely say that you know whatever we do or try to fill that void, a lot of people think its partying or relationships, whatever it is that we will never find true fulfillment because God has put a void in our hearts, I believe, that only He can fill and we can spend a lifetime trying to fill it with anything. It could be success, money, relationships, drugs, alcohol; whatever it is, you know, that satisfaction will never be found unless it is in the relationship with Jesus Christ.

RHS: Tell us about the song you're singing today and did you write it?

JEAN-LUC: Yeah, I wrote this song in my parents back yard in Charlesbourg, and we were just hanging out there in the summertime when we have a few rare beautiful days we can actually start the fireplace and just, you know, eat the marshmallows and somehow my sister Isabelle was sharing with me you know her struggle as a new believer, you know. One of our sister's was moving in the west part of Canada. She was just in that struggle, like wow I

become a Christian and I lose my sister and she's going away and as we were talking in the backyard, I really remember it like it was yesterday. The Lord gave me the song which is about faith. And the bible says that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

RHS: Yes.

JEAN-LUC: And I remember encouraging Isabelle, Isabelle I know it may be hard but you may not see what God is doing, but you will see it later. All you have to do is have faith in Him. The bible says that just will live by faith. So I remember saying God I feel You want to give me a song and I went to get my guitar and I just started plucking away some chords and writing some words to encourage her, and you know its amazing to see how God has used this song, because it came out of a real, you know, conversation with my sister, and I wanted to encourage her and it encourages me every time as well when I play it because the bible says He's faithful even when we're faithless, because He can't deny Himself. He's a faithful God, regardless of what the world may do, He will be faithful to you and me and that's..

RHS: Wow.

JEAN-LUC: ..that's the song, in a nutshell.

RHS: Did you write it ten years ago, did I hear?

JEAN-LUC: That was about 12 years ago or so.

RHS: And still the number one song that people ask you to sing. You're going to sing it.

YVES: Yeah, we're going to sing it today, yes.

RHS: God is blessing you.

YVES: He's good.

RHS: And God is going to bless all of us. We are being blessed listening to you. He lives in your personalities, through the eye, the tongue, the soul; I feel it. Takes one to see one. Sing for us.

JEAN-LUC: Thank you.

YVES: Amen.

DUET – THE KRY – "Take My Hand and Walk"

I know there are times when your dreams turn to dust. And you wonder as you cry why it has to hurt so much. Well, give me all your sadness; Someday you will know the reason why. With a childlike heart, yeah, simply put your hope in Me.

Take my hand walk where I lead. Keep your eyes on Me alone. Don't you say, "Why were the old days better?" Just because you're scared of the unknown. So take my hand and walk.

Think about the past because yesterday is gone. You're wishing memories would last. You're so afraid to carry on but you don't know what's coming. No, but you know the One who holds tomorrow, yes, and I will be your Guide, take you through the night if you keep your eyes on me.

God says take my hand walk where I lead. Keep your eyes on Me alone. Don't you say, "Why were the old days better?" Just because you're scared of the unknown. Take my hand and walk where I lead. You will never be alone. Faith is to be sure of what you hope for and the evidence of things unseen. Take my hand and walk, walk with me now. Take my hand and walk. You've got to take my hand and walk. What I need now.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHEM – RICHARD RIVALE

RR: Good morning. My name is Richard Rivale and I am in the 6th grade at the Crystal Cathedral Academy. This morning, we are singing “Gloria Sei Dir Gesungen,” the final chorale from cantata number 140 by Johannes Sebastian Bach. The German translates into a song of celebration, emphasizing the certainty we have as children of God returning home to heaven. Celebrate with us this certainty as we describe in German the glories that await us.

ANTHEM/GUEST CHOIR – CCA CHILDREN’S CHORUS – “Gloria Sei Dir Gesungen”

(GERMAN TRANSLATION)

Gloria sei dir gesungen. Mit Menschen un englischen Zungen. Mit Harfen und mit Cymbeln schon.

Vonzwolf Perlensinde die Pforten an deiner Stadt; wir sind Konsoten der Engel hoch umdeinen Thron.

Kein Aug' hat je gespürt, Kein Ohr hat je gehört Solche Freude. Des sind wir froh, io, io! Ewig in dolci jubilo.

(ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

"Gloria!" the world rejoices with human and with angel voices, with harps' and cymbals' joyful tone.

Jewels bright adorn the portals of your fair city, where immortals worship 'round Thy throne.

No eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard. Such blissful joy; Let praises flow, io, io! Forever and ever in sweet jubilation.

RHS THANK YOU TO CAROL & CHORUS

RHS: Thank you chorus, thank you Carol.

INTRODUCTION TO MINISTER – RHS

RHS: Now I have a very special guest with me today. He will be preaching the sermon. We have made a shift in the Hour of Power. When we started it 39 years ago, we only thought it would last a year and maybe two years. It was the first televised church service. It became known as America’s television church. And it went on year after year. We’re in our 39th year.

One of the things we wanted to do that would be a little better would be, the Hour of Power would be the voice of the great preachers that God is finding in the world. John C. Maxwell is one of these great preachers in the United States. Ministers to millions of people. He followed his father’s footsteps into the local church, got his master of divinity at Azusa Pacific, his doctorate in ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. He attended three different times the Schuller Institute, 35 and 40 years ago but after 25 years of being a successful church leader, God called John to devote himself full time to speaking and writing. He’s an internationally recognized leadership expert, speaker and author who has sold over, get this: 16 million books. His organizations have helped churches raise over four billion dollars for capital projects. He and his organization have trained more than three million leaders in 113 countries. Each year, John speaks to fortune 500 companies, international government leaders, the NFL, ambassadors

at the United Nations, and churches around the country. A New York Times, a Wall Street Journal, and Business Week best selling author. He credits his leadership instincts to his father Melvin. That's wonderful. And he's here today to share a message "Running with the Giants," based upon his new book of the same title. He and the other great preachers are accepting my invitation to fill this pulpit week after week and they do it no charge. They're just grateful people for the blessings of God, so give a warm Crystal Cathedral welcome to John Maxwell.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – JOHN MAXWELL

"Running with the Giants"

JM: It's a joy to be with you at the Crystal Cathedral today. The worship was so uplifting, the music, so inspirational. Do you get this every week here? I'm going to tell you, when you go to heaven, you're going to want to come home on the weekends. You're going to say I'll be back on Sunday night, just let me go to the Crystal Cathedral for just the service.

I am delighted to be here. Dr. Schuller, you have made an amazing impact upon my life, as millions of leaders around the world. In 1974 I read your book "Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking" and as a young pastor, it literally changed my life. It lifted the ceiling of my ministry and when you said that the greatest churches are yet to be built, I remember that little block on the right side of the page, circling that and I put the words "this means me."

RHS: Wow.

JM: And you have given great inspirations, so on behalf of leaders around the world, pastors, men and women of God, I want to say thank you Dr. Schuller for your major contribution in all of our lives.

RHS: Thank you.

JM: I turned 60 last year and when you become 60 you just become a philosopher of life. I mean you just do, okay? And so what I thought I would do in beginning this message today is I would read something to you that would explain life to you because we all ask questions about life, don't you? And here's the great news. On this laminated card, everything you ever wanted to know about life is right here. When anything's important, I laminate it. I think it sets it apart, it makes it holy. If I would have been Moses going up Mt. Sinai, I would have laminated the Ten Commandments. I certainly wouldn't have put them on stone; those will break.

So if you want to know about life, here it is. On the first day, God created the dog. God said "sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes by and I'll give you a life span of 20 years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you the other ten back" and God agreed. So on the second day, God created the monkey and God said "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a 20 year life span." The monkey said, "How boring. Monkey tricks for 20 years? I don't think so. The dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do, too, okay?" And God agreed. On the third day, God created the cow. God said, "You must go out in the field with the farmer all day long, suffer under the sun, have calves, give milk to support the farmer. I'm going to give you a life span of 60 years." The cow said "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for 60 years. Let me have 20 and I'll give you back the other 40." And God agreed. On the fourth day, God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry, enjoy your life. I'll give you 20 years." Man said, "What? Only 20 years? I'll tell you what, I'll take my 20, add the 40 the cow gave you back, the ten the monkey gave you back, the ten the dog gave you back, that makes 80, okay?" "Okay," God said. "You've got a deal." So that is why the first

20 years of our lives we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves. For the next 40 years, we slave in the sun to support our family, for the next 10 years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren and for the last 10 years we sit on the front porch and bark at everybody that goes by. You have just had life explained to you.

Hebrews chapter 11 is the great faith chapter. The writer talks about men and women who were so faithful to God and had so much faith in God, that He basically encourages us, inspires us by saying pattern your life after them. As you turn to chapter 12, the first three verses all of a sudden you realize that these great men and women of faith are in the crowd. They're in the stands and the Hebrew writer says that as you and I run our race, they are cheering for us. Men and women who have been very faithful, who have been very successful, are now cheering for you and for me to be successful in the race that we run. In fact, the writer says, keep your eyes on Jesus who is our model and our pattern for how He ran this race, and look in the crowd and see the people that are encouraging you as you run the race.

A few years ago, as I was in that passage of scripture, it all of a sudden hit me that the men and women that are in the stands, these great faith pioneers, these veterans, as they're in the stands, as they're cheering us on they're saying something to us but if you go to any sporting event where there are thousands of people, you can't pull out the individual voice of a person. And so I began to do character studies, bible studies of these great men and women of the bible and I began to ask myself if I could take their entire life and I could summarize it in one phrase or in one statement or one sentence, what would they say to me, what would they say to you. In fact the book "Running with the Giants" that Dr. Schuller talked about, I literally wrote that book out of the inspiration of that thought and I have in that book ten characters who come out of the stands to run one lap with you and they say one thing to you which will encourage you in your faith and in your running of this race successfully.

So this morning for our teaching and for our inspiration and for our encouragement, I would like to bring three of these people, these great men and women out of the stands and let them run one lap with you. And as they run one lap with you, here's what they would say to you.

First of all, let's bring Noah out of the stands. You see if Noah could join you on the track and run one lap with you as you go through life I know what Noah would say to you. I know what he says to me. He would look at you and me and he would say to us "one person can make a difference." He would look at you and say I want you to be encouraged as you run this race because you can make a difference. And I know that Noah would say that, because that's the summary of his life. Man had sinned and God had even begun to repent that He had made man, until the maze of that wickedness, it says that He looked down and He found and He saw Noah and the bible says Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And because of Noah, he spared the world. You know the story. Build an ark, put your family in it, put the animals in it, you know the story well. And as Noah is running this lap, he would say to you just like God allowed me to make a difference in my generation, you can make a difference in your generation. In fact, he would begin to say to us one person can make a difference for their family because certainly Noah did. One person can make a difference for their generation, as Noah did. He would say to you and me that one person can make a difference for mankind.

In fact, think about it for a moment. You and I are here today because of Noah. If Noah wouldn't have been faithful, if Noah wouldn't have made a difference we

would not be here. In fact, when you do your evening prayers and you kind of get beside your bed and you say your prayers tonight, you may want to put a P.S. and say and God I want to thank You for Noah. If it wouldn't have been for him, I wouldn't be here. You see, people have said and I believe this to be true that if you want to define high moral, you define it with the words I make a difference. No matter where you are, on your job, in your family, in your community, if Noah could run one lap for you today and with you, he would say "you can make a difference."

Let's take for a moment and bring Rebecca. Let's bring Rebecca out of the stands and if she could run one lap with you and she could run one lap with me, I know what she would say. She would say "serve others with a generous spirit." Because when you look at the life of Rebecca, it was one of giving and serving with no strings attached. You know the story. Abraham, very wealthy man who wanted a bride for his son Isaac sent his most trusted servant back to his homeland to find a bride for Isaac. When my children were teenagers, I thought we ought to get back to that Old Testament custom of parents picking out the bride for their children.

And so the trusted servant, on the way back to the homeland was very nervous because this was the most important assignment he was on and he began to pray God You're going to have to help me. Who would this bride be and on the way he prayed this prayer: God may the woman who is to be the bride of Isaac, when I come into the town may she offer me a drink of water, which that's not a big prayer because that was just customary that they did that in that day. But then he said may she also offer water to my camels, also. Now when he asked God that the one who would be the bride of Isaac would offer water to the camels, this was huge because you have to understand he had ten camels and one camel will drink after a day's journey 20 gallons of water. So he was basically saying may the bride of Isaac, may the one who is going to be that one who comes in the family, may she look at all of my camels and offer them water also. Two hundred gallons of water.

When Rebecca came up to him and offered him something to drink, he said to himself, so far so good. And then she looked at his camels and said may I draw water for your camels also? Now get the picture: two hundred gallons has to go to the well. Five gallon, I don't know, five gallon bucket. That means 40 trips. From the well, over to the watering trough. Back to the well. To the watering trough. This is going to take, this is going to take her three hours. And as she's going from the well to the watering trough, the bible says that the servant of Abraham just watched her. He didn't say a word. Now to be honest with you, I would have encouraged her. I would have said oh Rebecca; you're doing a good job. Oh, Rebecca, you can do this. I think Dr. Schuller would have just talked about her wonderful possibility thinking, don't you? I just think he would have. Back and forth, but he never said a word to her.

And this is what's beautiful about her serving with a generous spirit. She had no idea that by this act that she would be brought into a wealthy family. She had no idea that the servant had jewels for her and all wonderful things. She had no idea of any of these things. She was just serving a stranger with a generous spirit.

And that's kind of wonderful, is it not? In our culture and our day, when people say I don't do windows. Aren't you glad Noah didn't say I don't do boats? Aren't you glad Moses didn't say I don't do rivers? Aren't you glad David didn't say I don't do giants? Aren't you glad John the Baptist didn't say I don't do baptisms? And Mary, Mary, young Mary, when the angel came to her, aren't you glad Mary didn't say, excuse me? Excuse me, I don't do virgin births. Aren't you

glad that Peter didn't say I don't do Gentiles? Aren't you glad Paul didn't say I don't do letters? Aren't you glad Jesus didn't say I don't do crosses? Rebecca, as she runs her lap with us, would say to us "serve others with a generous spirit." And if you would allow me to bring one more character out of the stands to run one lap with you and me, I would like to bring David out just for a moment, because if David could say one thing to you or me as he ran that one lap, I know what he would say because I've studied his life. He would say you could overcome the limitations that others place on you. Because as a very young man, he had people place limitations on him constantly. Remember when Samuel the prophet called Jesse the father of David and said, Jesse I'm going to come over to your house tomorrow. One of your boys is going to be the next King. Can you imagine how Jesse felt that one of his sons would be the next king of Israel? He hung up the phone and (Maxwell translation) and he got his wife together and said honey, Sam called, he's coming over tomorrow, one of our boys is going to be the next king. This is amazing. They sat around the table. I know what they did as parents. I know what they did, they did the same thing you and I would do as parents. They sat down at the table and they got their legal pad out and they listed all their boys and they played the game for the next few hours, which son will it be? I think Jesse's wife said it'll be the oldest son. It's got to be. You know in our culture, the oldest son gets about everything. And then I think they talked a little longer and said no, no I think its going to be that fourth son down. Well why do you think it'll be the fourth son? Well think about it. Ever since he's been born, he's walked around the house like he is the king. Tells us what to do. It's going to be here. Here's what I know: The next day when Samuel came to the house, all the boys were in suits. They were lined up across the living room and Samuel went down and viewed each one of them and then with a look of puzzlement on his face, he said Jesse, are there not any other sons? None of these boys will be the king.

It was at that moment, it was at that moment that the father of David, Jesse, realized that of all of his sons, there was one boy he thought did not have king potential. And quickly, they went and got David and brought him out of the field. How would you have like to have been David that day, realizing that your parents understood and thought that all the other brothers had greater future than you did? That's why David would say "don't let others put limitations on you." It didn't stop there with just his father. You remember when they were doing battle against Goliath and Jesse sent David down to bring food supplies to his older brothers and to see how the war was going so down he came and they were disgusted that he came and said he shouldn't be here. We got a big man on the other side and he's intimidating us and here, go home to dad. You don't belong here. You're not a soldier. But David stayed around long enough to hear that whoever took on the big boy, whoever took on the big boy could marry the king's daughter and he said now that is not a bad thing. Then he found out that if you took on the big boy, you could live tax free in the land. He said that is even greater. He said I'll take on Goliath.

They brought David to the tent of King Saul and they said King we've got good news and bad news. The good news is we have somebody to take on the big boy. The bad news is it's him. Saul, the King of Israel, was six foot five, weighed 245. David was five foot five, weighed 145. Saul saw him, he was so alarmed he said oh my goodness, this is not going to be any good. If you're going to do this, at least put on my armor. Can you imagine little David in big Saul's armor. He just staggered around. He couldn't even find Goliath. Somebody asked me one time, he said, why do you think, why do you think that Saul wanted to give David

his armor and I said the only reason I can think he would do it is because he wasn't going to use it.

And even as David charged up the hill, Goliath was disgusted. You get the picture? His father didn't believe he had king potential, his brothers didn't think he had warrior potential, the king of the country thought this is not a good thing, and Goliath himself was disgusted. You see, if David could run one lap with you today, he would say "don't let other people put limitations on you." Or as God's word says, "if God be for you, who can be against you?" Or the Maxwell translation that says if God be for us, everyone else might as well be.

Now I say this to you as you go through life and as you're running this race right now, remember Noah. He would say to you as you're running the race, "you can make a difference." Remember Rebecca, she would say as you make a difference, "Serve others with a generous spirit." David would say to you and me, "you can overcome the limitations that I have placed on you."

And I close with this thought: Dr. Schuller, over 30 years ago when I picked up your book, you took the limitations off me. You said I could build a church that was even greater than yours, that the greatest churches in America and the world were yet to be built which is true. You've been a prophet because you have seen in the last 30 years amazing churches be built. So Dr. Schuller, for me, for this congregation, for millions of people who watch the Hour of Power, as you've run one lap with all of us, you have said to us if God be for you, who can be against you.

So my friend, as you leave today, and run the race of faith, be encouraged for the work that God has begun in you, He will complete it. So run with God, focusing on Jesus, and listen to the people in the crowd as they cheer you on in this wonderful race of faith. God bless you.

HYMN - "Medley – O Friend/He Giveth/Spirit of the Living God"

O friend, repeat God's praise, whose mercies are so great, whose judgment is so wise and just, whose love decides my fate. High as the heav'ns are raised God lifts my deepest needs, so far the riches of His grace my highest thought exceeds.

God's pow'r subdues my doubts, and His forgiving love far as the East is from the West does all my guilt remove. And God's compassions great to endless years endure. And children's children ever find His words of promise sure.

God gives us more grace when our burdens grow greater, He sends us more strength as our labors increase; To added affliction He adds all His mercy, to multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundary known unto us; for out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He gives, and gives, and gives again.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me, on me.

THANK YOU/BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Thank you John Maxwell! One of the great preachers of our time. Find more about John Maxwell and his ministry, log onto hourofpower.org and follow the links to his website at johnmaxwell.com.

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you, and give you peace and courage and enthusiasm and wisdom until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset, no dawning, for you only eternal life forevermore, Amen.

HYMN - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!