

## HOUR OF POWER OF 15.02.2009

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

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Dr. Robert Schuller welcomes as his special guest, host of the 2008 Dove Awards in Nashville, Christian comedian Nazareth.

NAZARETH: My first exposure to this country, Dr. Schuller, is a small zoo in Cleveland. I paid \$20 to see an elephant, a camel, a bull and a donkey. In my country, that's a car dealership!

VO: Also, incredible music from Mr. Piano himself, Roger Williams.

### PIANO MUSIC PLAYING

VO: Then Dr. Schuller welcomes as the guest speaker, the internationally acclaimed photographer, widely known for his work on the Passion of the Christ, Ken Duncan.

KEN: At a time when people are allowing fear to hold them captive, this is the time where we need to put our faith in action and we need to feed the faith. Turn off the news, its not good news and we don't need to listen to that stuff. The news we need to know is the good news that comes from the bible.

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. My name is Robert Schuller and I'm one of the ministers here, still. This truly is the day that God has made. Hallelujah. I'm rejoicing in it, let's all be happy together.

### HYMN - "Medley – Come Christians/We Praise You/Give Thanks"

Come Christians, join to sing! Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice before Him now rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; To us His mercy sends; His love shall never end! Alleluia! Amen!

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We stand here before You, we thank and adore You, we bless Your holy Name, glad praises we sing.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong", let the poor say, "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us" and now, let the weak say, "I am strong", let the

poor say, "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

#### SCRIPTURE – 1 Chronicles 16 - RHS

RHS: You may be seated. Now I want you to listen to the scripture. It was written over two thousand years ago and hear these words:

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him. Sing psalms to Him. Talk of all His wondrous works. Glory in His holy name. Let the hearts of these rejoice who seek the Lord. Seek the Lord in His strength. Seek His face forevermore. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations. Declare His wonders among the people of the earth for the Lord is great and greatly to be praise. Honor and majesty are before Him. Strength and gladness are in His place. Give to the Lord oh families of the people. Give to the Lord glory and strength. Honor and majesty are before Him. Strength and gladness are in His place. Give to the Lord oh families of the peoples. Give to the Lord, glory due His name. Bring an offering, come before Him. Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad. Let them say among the nations the Lord reigns. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good. For His mercy endures forever.

This is the word of God.

#### INTRODUCTION TO CHOIR ANTHEM – DON NEUEN

DN: The people in the land of the great faithful prophet Elijah of the Old Testament had strayed away from believing in God and went to their own self made God Bale. Elijah tried for years to bring them back to the Lord God Jehovah. He finally did. It was in the process they were going through in which there was a great drought there was no harvest, no food, no water. People were dying by the thousands. But they did return with Elijah to God and they pleaded with Elijah to please pray for water to save them. Elijah did. And the water came with a might fury and great rushes of water and they were saved. And they had an enormous celebration in the midst of which Elijah says but the Lord is above and almighty. The Lord is above all and almighty, reminding them that when we pray and I should say reminding us, when we pray and our prayers are answered and we are happy for those answers that we remember it is God to whom we give thanks. Thanks be to God by Mendelssohn from his oratorio, Elijah.

#### ANTHEM - "Thanks be to God (Elijah)"

Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land, the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The waters gather, they rush along! They are lifting their voices! The waters gather, they rush along, the waters gather, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! The waters gather, they rush along, they rush along, thanks be to God, thanks be to God He waters the thirsty land.

The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty; The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty; mighty their fury: But the Lord; But the Lord; But the Lord; But the Lord is above them, and Almighty. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty. But the Lord; But the Lord; But the Lord; But the Lord is above them, and Almighty, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord is above them, and Almighty.

Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God. Thanks! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God, to God, thanks be to God, to God. Thanks be to God, thanks, thanks be to God! The waters gather, they rush along; The waters gather, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along! Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land: Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land!

#### INTERVIEW - NAZARETH

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RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER      NAZ: NAZARETH

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RHS: My guest today is Nazareth. He's the president of the Christian Comedy Association. He's toured with the Righteous brothers, the Temptations, and worked with BB King. This year he hosted the Dove Awards in Nashville at the Grand Ol Opry. But his greatest credit is being a husband and father of three. He has a new DVD called Free to Laugh. You can get it in our bookstore. He's here to share how the God of infinite possibilities touched his life. Welcome with me, Nazareth.

NAZ: Thank you so much. Thank you for having me. Good morning!

RHS: Good morning!

NAZ: Who cleans the windows for you guys? That's a lot of Windex.

RHS: Well we thought we'd ask Nazareth to submit a bid.

NAZ: Okay.

RHS: Seriously, how did you get your name?

NAZ: Okay, well I'm from the Middle East, ever since September 11th, I feel so Mexican. But I'm happy to be here because I don't have to fly. I drove from Corona and thank God the freeways are open for that. But normally when I fly, I miss my connection flight because I can't run through the airport anymore. People will tackle me. So I want to encourage people who look like me, don't run through the airport.

But I was born in Nazareth Israel, and it's a family tradition to name me after the city. I feel sorry for my brother Waikiki, my other brother Albuquerque and my poor sister Buffalo. Location, location, location. I do have a last name, too.

RHS: What is it?

NAZ: It's R-I-Z-K-A-L-L-A-H; we pronounce it Smith for immigration reasons.

RHS: You're wonderful. What brought you to the United States?

NAZ: Well I came here, I lived in Kuwait after leaving the Holy Land, and I went to college in Toledo, Ohio. Yes people say why Toledo? Because of you people. You come to Israel, look at things and go holy Toledo. Mom said you're from the Holy Land; you're going to holy Toledo. But I moved here because I love this nation. I'm so in love with this country. This is the greatest nation on earth. Amen. It is. You know, my first exposure to this country, Dr. Schuller, is a small zoo in Cleveland. I paid \$20 to see an elephant, a camel, a bull and a donkey. In my country, that's a car dealership. And I love this country because we have food. We have good food. We have good junk food in this country. We have food that if people from other nations ate it, they'll be dead by now. But we don't because we have drug companies backing us up. Yes. So I have an idea for this country. If we can join the drug companies and the fast food

companies we'll have products like Lipitor fries, Zantac salupa, insulin fried apple pie. But I love this country. It's a wonderful nation. It's the only place in the world where you can take French toast, English muffin, Canadian bacon and call it the All American breakfast.

RHS: Where were you born?

NAZ: I was born in Israel.

RHS: In Israel.

NAZ: Yes. In the Holy Land and I moved when I was three, moved to Kuwait.

RHS: Why?

NAZ: My family migrated from over there and I have a bad travel agent. And I went to school there and then I moved in 1984 to the United States to attend college. In 1986 I moved to Southern California to Garden Grove California.

RHS: Really?

NAZ: Yes. And I had a hip pain in my leg since I was 16. I couldn't walk from here to there without severe pain and I went through college through that and in 1986 when I came to California, I went to a library on Euclid and there was a cassette with a guy named Dr. Robert Schuller's picture says, you know, possibility thinking. And I was listening to that and I listened to other encouragement to listen to more motivation stuff and I ran the Los Angeles marathon.

RHS: Good for you.

NAZ: Yes. So thank you.

RHS: Thank you. Well how'd you get involved in comedy?

NAZ: Well you know, after I..

RHS: Are comedians born or do they develop it?

NAZ: Some are born, some are developed.

RHS: What are you?

NAZ: I don't know yet. I'm developing on being a born comedian. But what got me into comedy, when I finished that marathon and I never thought I would be able to finish it. I sat down there with the medal in my hand and I said if I can do anything in life that if I never get paid for it, I will still do it to the best of my ability. What would it be? And comedy was the first thing that hit me.

RHS: Really.

NAZ: Yes, so the next night, I went to Hollywood, I signed up at an open mic night at a comedy club. At midnight there was nine drunks in the audience, I did my three minutes of comedy and one guy fell off his chair laughing and I said this is it and I've been on stage since.

RHS: All you need are nine drunk people?

NAZ: Yes, that's all.

RHS: Well, after a while you realized something was missing. You were not a Christian?

NAZ: I was not a Christian. I came from a Christian Greek Orthodox background, I didn't know who Jesus Christ was, and I was doing my comedy, my dirty comedy in the clubs and I thought I'd be happy because when I came to this country, I wanted to be free. I came from the Middle East. I want freedom. And I was not free. I got myself in bondage to drugs, alcohol, immorality and I was just empty inside. And one night, I looked at a Christian comedian, he was a man who's a Christian and was clean, I said God, if You're the God that those boring Christians, say who You are, I want to be free like them. And God answered my prayer. And within a month, I was in a church, I was in love and

passionate to read the word of God and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

RHS: How many years ago?

NAZ: That was in August of 1992. Sixteen years ago.

RHS: Not that long.

NAZ: No. But it's been, you know; now I know it's the most exciting life that you can live. There's nothing boring about being a Christian, walking with Jesus Christ.

RHS: That's fantastic.

NAZ: Thanks.

RHS: Your wife, you met her unexpectedly. That's a story.

NAZ: Yes. When I accepted Christ, I said Lord I'm going to practice abstinence. If You have a wife for me, You're going to bring her to me. I'm not going to go out and date, I'm not going to touch a woman, I'm going to wait for You to give me a wife. Cause I wanted a godly woman. I didn't know how to meet a godly woman. What's my pick up line going to be? I agape you, you weaker vessel. You look hotter than the lake of fire. I didn't know, so I said God if You want to give me a wife, You do that. I'll wait on You.

And I waited and in 1995, my father was dying at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, so I went to see him in the intensive care unit, and the nurse said you can't see him. I said why, it says ICU. Dumb joke but I got to see my dad for the last time. And he said son, would you do me a favor when I die? I said what? He said would you go to Israel for me. I said yes. He said would you go to the Gaza strip for me. I said no. You've heard of the Gaza strip.

RHS: Of course, yes.

NAZ: People with uneven facial hair going death to America..

RHS: Yeah.

NAZ: ..and they're wearing a Nike shirt.

RHS: Yeah.

NAZ: Separation of apparel and state. But I went there and the first night I'm having dinner with my cousin, his fiancé and her sister. So they asked me, they said what's wrong with you? You're so joyful. What's wrong? I said you want to know? Jesus Christ came into my life and changed my life and gave me hope and my cousin looks at the girls, go don't listen to him; he's one of these born again Christians. Well her sister said me too. I said would you like to marry me? She goes I've been praying for a believer to come to this side of the world. I'm going to fast and pray for three days. I'll get back to you. Three days later, she came back, she goes I'm starving, let's do it. We've been married for 12 ½ years now.

RHS: That's fantastic!

NAZ: Yes.

RHS: That's great.

NAZ: Yeah, and you've been married 58 years, Dr. Schuller, right?

RHS: Yes.

NAZ: Yes.

RHS: You're right.

NAZ: We got married, a year and a half later she got pregnant, we went to Lamaze. Lamaze is a French word that means don't waste your money, the baby's going to come out anyway. And we had a boy, we named him Newport Beach. And a daughter Carol and my..

RHS: That is just a joke.

NAZ: Well yes. We call him Newport at home, but his real name is John. And then we have Carol and last year we had baby Tally.

RHS: Wow.

NAZ: Yes.

RHS: So thank you for who you are, for what you are and for letting Jesus come into your life in such a healthy way because He gives you a healthy human personality.

NAZ: Amen.

RHS: Amen.

NAZ: God bless you. Thank you for having me. Thank you for what you do.

RHS: Thank you.

NAZ: God bless you. Thank you.

#### INTRODUCTION TO ROGER WILLIAMS - RHS

RHS: Now it's my pleasure to welcome Mr. Piano, Roger Williams! How God loves you and so do we.

#### INTRODUCTION TO SONG - ROGER WILLIAMS

RW: In 1955, I recorded a song called Autumn Leaves. And since then, autumn has been my favorite, my most favorite time of the year. In fact, I just wrote a poem about autumn. And it's very short. I want to read it to you.

When nature paints with colors bold, those autumn leaves of red and gold, a touch of sadness fills our hearts for soon we know this all departs. Like autumn leaves this moments here will fade away and disappear. But a blaze of glory all around then suddenly without a sound autumn leaves.

#### PIANO SOLO – ROGER WILLIAMS – “Autumn Leaves”

#### RHS THANK YOU TO ROGER WILLIAMS

RHS: Thank you Roger Williams!

#### INTRODUCTION TO KEN DUNCAN - RHS

RHS: Well we have a very wonderful guest today, Ken Duncan all the way from Australia. And Ken, come on in, Ken. He's been with us before. He was touched by the Hour of Power in his home in Australia, made a deeper commitment to Christ and has been a very deep spiritual friend ever since. You are looking at the internationally renowned photography. There is no photographer in the world that surpasses his reputation as a premier panoramic landscape photographer. It is phenomenal. And we have a new devotional. I want to show it to you. There's never been a devotional book like what I'm holding in my hands. Every page has a colored picture taken by this world famous Ken Duncan standing at my side. Unbelievable photographs. Every page a colored photograph. Every page and they're glorious, thanks to his generosity we can afford to because we couldn't afford to pay for the use of these photographs. I can't open it because I can't close it once it's opened. And I've got to recognize you're here!

KD: Well look the fact is an average photographer, great God. He deserves all the glory. But it's the words in the book that give it incredible depth like there's never been a time where we've needed a book of inspiration like this and when I was actually doing the select of the photos to go with all the various great wisdoms, I was just totally overwhelmed after getting a whole years worth in a week and a half. I was ready to take any mountain that came. There was nothing that didn't come against me. I was so full of faith, so I encourage people in this time right

now where there seems to be so much stress in the world. This is the time that we are being born for as Christians, this is the time to lay hold of faith and that book is a rocket ship of faith.

RHS: Yes! You've never seen anything like it. Oh my goodness! But you know how to go to a tough place in a mountain crest and wait for the sun to move until shown on a little crag on a hill. This is hard work taking pictures the way you take them.

KD: Well I really like my job and I don't think I'll get any sympathy for traveling around the world taking photographs from the audience. But I just love it because it's time that I spend with God and reflect on His beauty and He's such an awesome God.

RHS: Now Ken Duncan you are going to give us a message today, right?

KD: I certainly am.

RHS: But welcome with me, Ken Duncan.

#### MESSAGE/PRAYER – KEN DUNCAN - "Life is An Adventure"

KD: Thank you Dr. Schuller for having me today. It's so great to be in the Crystal Cathedral. I love this place. I mean, look at this wonderful window of creation. You know its something amazing about creation. How can anyone not believe in a God? And I love this place because this place to me is like a fountain of hope, a place like a Cape Canaveral where dreams and of rockets of dreams or of hope are sort of expanded out into the world.

My message today is life is an adventure and to me life is an adventure, but more importantly life's an adventure when you allow Jesus to walk with you. You know, in life we can have difficult times, there's no doubt about it and being a Christian doesn't exempt you from that but you know the good thing about being a Christian is when you do tough times, you're not doing it alone. You've got God walking with you. That's what makes the difference.

Now I wasn't always a Christian. In fact, it took me to have a condition called agoraphobia before I finally gave in and realized I needed something more. Now agoraphobia is the fear of leaving home. It's like an anxiety condition. And trust me; this is the worst condition you can have as a landscape photographer. You can't be just taking photographs in your living room; you've got to sort of actually get out. So how do you come out of that sort of condition of agoraphobia? You know agoraphobia is like a fear. It's a fear that can keep you trapped in a prison and you know that's what fear is. It is a prison. Whatever that fear is, it holds us captive to that little room.

So what was it that was going to get me out of that place? At that stage, I hadn't been a Christian, but I started to watch the show, the Crystal Cathedral show, and God started to minister to my heart and I started to realize I had a need that I wasn't going to be able to get out of that prison unless I had some help. And that's where I came to know Christ. And you know the thing is there was a scripture that was given to me at that time that really impacted my life and its Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me." But you know, in our own ability, there's only so much we can do. And when you've got agoraphobia, there's very little you can do. Or very little I can do. So I really need that help.

So it was that relationship. I asked Jesus into my life at that point as my own Lord and Savior. And I will never forget that moment because when I did it, all of a sudden there was just this transformation. I knew I was no longer alone. I felt a peace. Now God didn't just remove the agoraphobia straight away but He began to walk with me. And you know, in a way, I thank God for allowing me to

go through that difficulty because going through it, it enabled me to learn to walk with Jesus. And through that walk, it became so real, saying that verse. To get out of my house, I used to have to say I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. Now look, I wasn't just doing it like that with that weird little walk there, but you know inside I was saying that verse again and again, and that was the thing that got me out of the prison of my fears the reality of that walk.

You know there are two things you can do with fear. You can either allow it to hold you captive, or you can walk straight into that thing and with Jesus with you, you can do anything. There's nothing impossible. Life is an adventure when you have Jesus. As I said before, it doesn't mean things aren't going to happen but you know what? God is with you. We are in this world but we're not of this world. We do not have to be concerned about the worries of the world. You know, there are all these anxieties in the world. Not so long ago, it was Bin Laden was going to get you. If it's not Bin Laden, its interest rates. If its not interest rates, its petro prices. If it's not that it's some other crisis that's coming up. But you know these things as real as they can be; we are in this world but not of this world. The Lord will provide. He will look after us. He will be with us. He is our strength. Jesus is real. That's why I love walking with Him. I walk and talk with Him out in the beauty of His creation. That's why I love this place. Look at that beautiful view. You know, lets always remember be connected with the bigger picture that God has got for us all because God has got a bigger picture for every person. And God gives us pictures that are bigger than us so that we are reliant on Him, that we're not reliant in our ability.

You know how many of you would like to see a miracle in your life? We'd all love to see a miracle; of course we'd all love to see a miracle. But you know what? To have a miracle you've got to allow yourself to be put in a place where you need a miracle. How many people want to be put in that place? Well I'm telling you, God will not let you down. He is awesome.

So many times in our life we allow fears to worry us. I'd like to share a little funny story, actually. When I came over to America photographing all around America, I went up to Alaska and I wanted to go up there and shoot the beauty of Alaska and Denali National Park, and I went up there and you American people and a lot of people think that us Australians have some pretty radical animals like crocodiles and the snakes and all that sort of stuff, and yes we do have some pretty interesting animals but the thing is with a crocodile, like we have crocodiles but you have grizzly bears. Now hello, a crocodile knows the rules. It sort of stays around the water and you know it doesn't go far from the water. Where as a grizzly bear, that thing can run faster than like a horse and it can swim fast, and I don't think it can actually climb a tree, but I reckon they could give it a really good shake, so on to get you out of that tree.

So off I go, up to Denali National Park and I'd heard that there were these grizzly bears there, so I did a briefing with the ranger there and he said now if you see a grizzly bear, this is what you do. And you know first of all, look big. Put on your backpack. Look big, okay, okay, I'm big I can do look big. And he said don't move, stand still, so I'm saying okay, standing still, that would probably be easy because I'd probably be frozen still anyhow. So I'm sitting there, stand still. And then he says now if it starts moving towards you, still stand still. And then he says, now if it runs towards you, still stand still because it may be just charging to, you know, to see how it's going to go, and I'm thinking okay, okay. And now it'll probably maybe stop just in front of you. Now if it doesn't, well then play dead.

Play dead. I'm going play dead? Are you for real? I mean what are you talking about? And he goes play dead. And I said well sir, what happens if that doesn't work and he says well, after that you've got to make it up as you go. So you talk about our animals.

So off I go to the beautiful Denali National Park to do this, you know photography and before I went there, I also went into a store and I said what should I take for bears and the guy said you need a gun. I said mate I can't have a gun. I'm an Australian. We're not allowed to have guns, you know. He said well I'd be taking a gun. I said it's a National Park, you can't take a gun. And I said look we're not doing a gun, so he said well have some of this pepper spray and he gave me these bells that you stick on you which I found out later the rangers actually call them dinner bells because it just rings so the bears know that you're coming for dinner. I think you're the dinner.

So off we go into Denali Park with my little bear bells and my can of pepper spray and off we go doing some walking through the park. And one particular morning, we went in to do a sunrise. Now everyone had told me before this that I was going at the wrong time of year. That nothing would happen. But I just felt God say go. And so here we are and all of a sudden it's an early morning and we're doing this sunrise and well actually up there, you do a sunset and then a sunrise because the sun sets, the dips and then it comes back up again. It's wonderful; you get your whole day done very quickly. You do sunset, sunrise, then you go to bed for the rest of the day.

So I was sitting there, had our mountain bikes to ride there and get there, I was with my assistant jingling all the way and praying, going Lord keep the bears away. And so we get there, I had this incredible experience. We just had this full moon come up as well the sun went down, the full moon. It was just awesome. I'm sitting there going God, You are so incredible and so here I'm having this incredible time with God, just waiting through this experience. I take the photos and everything like that, and then all of a sudden it's all over. We go back to our bikes to go off to take some more photos. And all of a sudden I look over and I see a moose. A big moose. And like I didn't really know how big moose's were because Rocky and Bullwinkle is my sort of thing, you know, like not very user friendly moose's, you know. So I'm seeing this moose and I'm thinking maybe this is a photo opportunity. So I think my assistant looks at me and says I don't think this is a photo opportunity. They look very big. And so he gets on his bike like he's meant to be my assistant, but he's on his bike, he says Ken I'll meet you up the top of the hill. And I'm thinking what about the camera, so all of a sudden the moose is paying interest in us. And he's starting to come towards us and I'm thinking I'm not sure about moose but this doesn't look very good. So I put my camera on my back and I get on my bike and by this stage, the moose's really starting to move towards us, galloping and I'm thinking this definitely doesn't look good.

So I get on my bike and because I've come down a gear, down a hill, I'm in the wrong gear, aren't I. I'm in a high gear but does it matter? No, because I don't have time to change the gears cause I got a moose coming at me. So man I'm peddling, peddling and the adrenaline in me was just like incredible. I could have won an Olympic game at that particular time. So I'm going up the hill and this moose is coming behind me going and it's snorting, I'm thinking oh Lord help me, you know. And then all of a sudden, praise God, the moose stopped. Now my assistant was very nice. He was watching on top of the hill, so that he could probably tell my mother how it happened.

But anyhow, finally, I got away from the moose. But I met up with a park ranger just an hour later and he said Ken, and so how's it going with the grizzly bear and I said well actually, we haven't had a problem with the grizzly bear, but we got chased by a moose. And he said, oh the moose, he said you got to watch out for the moose. More people get killed by the moose than the grizzly bear and I'm saying well why didn't you tell me about the moose, you know.

So the moral of that story is we can spend our whole life worrying about the grizzly bear, and it's the moose that gets you. So you know God is an awesome God and look I encourage you, we do not have a spirit of fear. In Timothy, 2nd Timothy 1:7, it says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind." There's nothing impossible in Him. Look God also says in the bible, He uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. I am one of those foolish things and I love it. God is cool. The world can talk about recession as much as it wants, but you know what, just don't turn up to the party. You don't have to be part of a recession. We are in God's kingdom. God will look after us. He has never let me down. He has never let the Schuller's down because you know faith is the opposite to fear and we are born for this time. We are not dependent on the world, we are dependent on God and He loves us and He will never let us down.

When I was young, everything was an adventure, unless of course somehow it would be damage these young kids and you know sometimes that happens. Sometimes kids have had their dreams stolen from them at a young age but you know I was brought up by a loving family. My mother, you couldn't get her away from the Crystal Cathedral on a Sunday. She'd be always there in Australia watching that, so she was full of power, full of positive thinking. But normally, in a normal childhood, when we're brought up, life's an adventure. We can't help ourselves. We think wow look at that over there. And you don't even think about what will happen, you just go there. I mean when I was younger, when I first came to America, I was on an airplane, I actually didn't even have a hotel booked at the other end. I was going to New York and I just got on the airplane and off I go. But when we get older, if we're not careful, all of a sudden rather than life being an adventure, life can become a worry. We start to think about well what'll happen if, oh but what'll happen if this happens, so then we start to try and anticipate everything that will happen to try and accommodate for it. And you know what, just like this story with the moose in America, and the grizzly bear, we can worry about things that will never happen and guess what: something else happens that we didn't even anticipate. But we handle it. And that's what makes life an adventure. The adventure of life is as we see God do things in our life to help us overcome whatever comes our way.

Now in the book that we've just done for the Schuller ministries, and it's a wonderful thing, we had to actually look at all the inspirational quotes from the Dr. Schuller's, and all of the Schuller's, this is talking about years of wisdom and I had to actually pick photos for all of these different sayings and all these different thoughts that have come from years in the ministry and years walking as a Christian. I'm telling you, after you've done a whole year's worth in a couple of weeks, I was so WOW on fire, I thought Wow man this stuff is so good, like I'd read and I'd go wow that is so good. Yes, yes, yes and then on to the next one. Oh that's good, too. Oh I was just like a kid in the candy store; I was like wow, wow. So I encourage you, this book is incredible for us at this time because at a time when people are allowing fear to hold them captive, this is the time where we need to put our faith in action. And we need to feed the faith. Turn off the news. It's not good news and we don't need to listen to that stuff. The news we need to

know is the good news that comes from the bible. This is the truth. The bible is the truth, not what man says. God is victorious.

Thank you so much, everybody, for listening to me and having me here in this beautiful Cathedral. You know, if you're out there and in your heart you're heavy laden, I just encourage you to get your focus back on God because all things are possible in Him and life is an adventure when we're walking with Him. You know if we're having difficulties, go out and look up unto the stars, just look at the stars at night and when you look at those stars at night and see them all firmly placed up there in the heavens above, it puts into perspective our worries and our thoughts here on earth. If God can deal with all that awesomeness out there, there's nothing He can't deal with in our life. Look around you at the beauty that surrounds us. Don't get so focused on your problems. I just encourage you to look beyond and look at what God's got for you because God has a destiny for every person, and He has a miracle for every situation.

Thank you for allowing me to be here today. For me, it's like a dream. This is where my journey began and here I am actually talking to all you beautiful people. So I'd like to end in a prayer of thanks. Thank you, just bow your heads. Thank you very much.

Father God, we thank You that You are an awesome God. Father, we thank You that there's nothing impossible. Father, I thank You that You've given us all a dream and a vision and Father I come against anything that's tried to steal that. Father, we thank You that You're with us and walking with us and nothing's impossible. Father, I thank You for the destiny that You've given America and Father I pray You're protection upon this nation, in Jesus' name, Amen.

#### HYMN - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Pardon for sin and a peace that endures Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow blessings are mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed, Your hand has provided. Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness, Lord unto me!

#### 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 peace in your going out, in your coming in, in your lying down, in your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning. Amen.