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PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: as a child, Lynda Randle experienced brothers and sisters strung out on crack cocaine in her gang infested neighborhood but found her refuge in God.

LYNDA: Living across the street from pimps and prostitutes, I seen people shot and killed and all of these things going on and had a brother strung out on crack cocaine, a sister crack cocaine and a sister died of AIDS at the age of 37 and in the midst of all of this God preserved me. And so I'm standing here today not as a hero but just as a testament of God's faithfulness.

VO: Then Lynda shares her incredible voice with us on the Hour of Power.

LYNDA: But I know, yes I know, who holds tomorrow and I know, yes I know He's holding my hand.

VO: Then Pastor Schuller welcomes Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz with a powerful message of faith that will transform your life titled "The Inner Person."

JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ: The real me is the one that inside says hi! Dear Mother in Law! (GROWLS) Which is the real you?

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. Welcome to a place that's fun. It's fun to meet people. Turn around, shake hands with somebody. Smile! Give them a greeting; God loves you so do I. God loves you, do so I.

Let's have a prayer. Dear God, You put this thing together. They came on their own, no, no, not quite. You were there, motivated them and here we are, a place where we can laugh and we can clap, we can smile, and a place where we can cry and a place where we can admit it: we've sinned and we want Your forgiveness. And so God, listen to us. We're going to sing a song and You're going to bless it, Amen.

HYMN – "I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from where shall come my aid? My help is from the Lord alone, Who heaven and earth has made.

He will not let my foot be moved; my Guardian never sleeps;
With watchful and un-slumbering care His own He safely keeps.

My faithful Keeper is the Lord, my Shelter and my Shade; 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, I will not be afraid.



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From evil He will keep me safe; for me He will provide; My going out, my coming in, forever He will guide.

SCRIPTURE – II Corinthians 9:6-12 - RHS

RHS: You may be seated. So listen to the words of sacred scripture. I'm reading from St. Paul, as recorded in the second book of Corinthians, chapter nine verses 6-12. Paul is writing.

Remember this: remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written, they have scattered abroad their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of feed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made blessed in every way, so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. Oh my God, how He has blessed the world by the hundreds of millions of people, all because of your gifts that started with this church. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but it is also overflowing and many expressions of thanks to God and this is the word of the Lord.

ANTHEM/GUEST CHOIR – AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
ORATORIO CHOIR - "Grace"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul, a soul like me. I once was lost, but now am found. I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught, 'twas grace that taught my heart to fear, my heart to fear,
and that same grace, and that same grace my fears relieved; my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already safely come; This grace
hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home. I shall go
home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun. Than
since the day we first begun.

RHS THANK YOU TO AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
ORATORIO CHOIR

RHS: Thank you to our guest choir today from Azusa Pacific University, their oratorio choir. I feel close to you because I'm sort of a graduate of Azusa Pacific. They gave me my first honorary doctorate many, many years ago. And so thank you for coming today. Anytime we can have you, we love it.

INTERVIEW – LYNDA RANDLE

RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER LR: LYNDA RANDLE

RHS: We have a terrific guest here this morning and you're going to be deeply moved. She's a woman who's triumphed through tremendous adversity. Gospel singer Lynda Randle hailed for her abundant joy, endless supply of enthusiasm, beautiful face and beautiful faith. And her husband's a terrific youth pastor back East. I think he's in church this morning. He's such a neat guy. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Married 18 years, I think, and a great, great family. Looking at her today, it's awfully hard to imagine what kind of a life she came from. She had a Christian father, Christian mother, one of seven children in the black heart of a neighborhood where terrible things happened, like knives and bullets and deaths. Wow. Not since she accepted Jesus Christ has her faith been stronger than it is today. She's turning her scars into stars and she's got a youthfulness that just makes her more beautiful than ever. Please welcome with me a terrific person, Lynda Randle.

LR: How are you?

RHS: Hi, Lynda. I'm going to take a moment for the camera to get a real good shot of these eyes because God comes through your face.

LR: Oh thank you. You as well.

RHS: Thank you.

LR: Amen.

RHS: Tell us about your childhood. I hinted at some of it.

LR: Well born and raised in Washington DC, they're the nation's capital and my mom and dad loved the Lord and my dad's been with the Lord quite a few years now, but dad drove a cab part time, and pastored full time. And in the middle of seven kids and I like to think I was the perfect child. But I wasn't, of course. No. But loving parents and we would sit around the table every single night and have family devotions, go through the Psalms and the Proverbs and we learned a lot about the love of the Lord, but that's not the end of the story. And there's so much more to tell, so..

RHS: Tell us.

LR: ..okay. Well, a lot of people think, of course you've heard this being in a preacher's home, and we are far from being perfect. And a lot of the things that we saw, I don't think kids should see and I'd like to just say this. I know there are a lot of other folks who've gone through difficult times and I'm not some hero or anything like that, but I feel like God has definitely preserved me for such a time as this. One of the things I saw, abuses that I endured: I was a sexually abused for many, many years by a close family member, and things that you don't tell and I haven't shared it publicly too much. I just recently the Lord has just released me to talk about those things. And its not whoa is me, its look at God and how awesome He is. And of course, the whole thing, living across the street from pimps and prostitutes and seeing people shot and killed, and all of these things going on, and had a brother strung out on crack cocaine, a sister crack cocaine and a sister died of AIDS at the age of 37 and in the midst of all this, God preserved me. And so I'm standing here today, not as a hero, but just as a testament of God's faithfulness.

RHS: Wow. Oh and you decided you were not going to just become a statistic.

LR: That's right. That's right.

RHS: Tell us about that.

LR: Well just made up in my mind, my dad led me to the Lord at our kitchen table. I was 12 years old and after the family devotions every night, he would ask the kids does anybody want to accept Jesus as their Savior? And it

wasn't a forced down your throat thing. My parents lived the best they could for us and I saw the light and love of Jesus Christ at first, through my parents. And so one night I remember my dad specifically, it was October the 17th, 1974, about 7:30 p.m. there in..

RHS: Wow.

LR: ..the nation's capital..

RHS: Wow.

LR: ..sitting at our kitchen table and my dad closed out and I thought well you know maybe not now but by the time he'd come back in from running some errands, I said Dad, I want to know Jesus and during that little brief period that he was away for a moment, I thought about what it would be like to be eternally separated from my parents, but eternally separated from the God who loved me, that created me, to be with Him forever. And so I accepted Jesus in my life at the young age of 12.

RHS: Wow.

LR: Yes.

RHS: Were you ever tempted?

LR: Oh absolutely. Just to give you, just a little bit more of my history and testimony, I talked about my sister and my brother and all those things, and really not paint myself as some perfect person, as I kind of teased about in the beginning. I was very rebellious. I ran away from home about four times, I failed the 9th grade with 32 F's.

RHS: 32 F's?

LR: 32 in one semester..

RHS: How could there be that many courses?

LR: Yeah.

RHS: In one semester.

LR: I was in a special school for the arts. I was going in for visual arts at the time, I wasn't even singing, never dreamed of singing, I was going to be a fashion designer and a cosmetologist. So I was in a special school for art, failed the 9th grade with 32 F's, and got into all kinds of trouble. And the Bible says that the rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. So maybe when you can visibly and physically see somebody sin, whether it's the pregnancy, or somebody walking in a drunken stupor, it's easy to judge but my heart was so far from God. I was quite rebellious and at the age of 16, God turned that thing around.

RHS: Wow.

LR: Yes.

RHS: How did that happen at 16?

LR: Well I heard a missionary speak from Venezuela, Braum Causer. I don't know if he's still alive or not but he impacted my life greatly that night. Heard him speak and during that time, I just had a quiet prayer in my heart: God I surrender. And so after the service was over, we came down and I said Lord I don't know what this means, but I'm going to commit my life to You..

RHS: Boy.

LR: ..full time. I want You to have not just the Savior ship but I want You to have Lordship of my life at the age of 16.

RHS: You know that's fantastic. Not just the Savior ship.

LR: Yes.

RHS: Never heard that word before.

LR: Yes.

RHS: Coming from you, it's fantastic.

LR: Thank you, Amen.

RHS: Now, how did you get into singing?

LR: Well, this is the fun part. Grew up in predominately chocolate neighborhood, that's black folk. Didn't have a lot of vanilla families around. And..

RHS: I'm vanilla?

LR: No, you're good vanilla. There's some mocha's and some swirls and all that good stuff, but seriously, after failing the 9th grade, barely making it through the 10th grade, my parents had this brilliant idea. And they taught us let me say this; they taught us to love people. It didn't matter where you came from, what you looked like, what color, just love people. But they put me in a predominately white Christian school, and they didn't have the particular courses I wanted to take and so I was thrust into an all white choir that enjoyed singing Negro spirituals. And I was the only one in the choir. And they started giving me songs to sing and the Lord began to bless that and one thing led to another, Dr. Jerry Falwell put me through college, Liberty University and started to sing around there. And then the Lord eventually put me on the road with Bill and Gloria Gaither and so that's pretty much my music history.

RHS: Wow!

LR: Yes.

RHS: So you know Bill and Gloria.

LR: I know Bill and Gloria, they're..

RHS: Give them my love.

LR: ..I certainly will, and they send theirs as well.

RHS: Okay. Now, you have a CD and you're going to sing for us.

LR: Yes sir.

RHS: What's exciting is Mahalia Jackson was one of the great, great inspiring people of my life.

LR: Yes.

RHS: And this is a Mahalia Jackson..

LR: That's right.

RHS: ..made famous song, right?

LR: Yes sir, yes sir.

RHS: Okay, want to tell us a bit about it, or you..

LR: Yes, yes. Yes I will. I'd like to say when I was here about eight years ago. This is a great story, Dr. Schuller, met a lady, I was at a women's conference here and a sweet lady, I don't know if she was part of your church and I think she was, came up to me and just spoke a powerful word over my life. And I'm not always big on grabbing the powerful word. You don't know who's speaking into your life. You have to have to discernment, but..

RHS: That's so.. that's so wise.

LR: ..yes sir..

RHS: So wise.

LR: Yes sir.

RHS: Go ahead.

LR: And she said to me, you're here now with this women's conference, she said, but at some point God is going to bring you back to be a special guest on the Hour of Power. At the time, we'd gone through a lot: I had my dad pass suddenly, my sister died of AIDS, my brother passed in the pulpit, two uncles very suddenly and all these things happened and the Lord began to open up all kinds of doors and deepening me in my walk. And it's pretty much come full circle. I've never called the church and say can I come sing. Met some of your wonderful members a couple of years ago and they thought it would be

good if we could have an opportunity to come so it's come full circle. And this song, I know who holds tomorrow, is really my testimony. I may look brave and secure, but there are times I do walk in fear and sometimes I am.. just life blows my mind sometimes with all the responsibilities as a wife and mom and even as a child of God. But I don't have to worry about my tomorrows, my yesterday's or even today's because God is the one who created time and days and all those things, and He's faithful to see us through and we can have that hope. And so I'm so blessed to be here and never in a million years did I dream that I'd be standing next to this good vanilla man here. So it's wonderful..

RHS: Oh thank you.

LR: ..it's wonderful.

RHS: Thank you.

LR: Thank you so much.

RHS: Thank you. Sing for us, right now.

LR: Yes sir. Okay.

SOLO – LYNDA RANDLE – “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day. And I don't borrow from its sunshine for its skies may turn to gray. And I don't worry over the future for I know what Jesus said and today He walks beside me for He knows what lies ahead.

Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand but I know, yes I know who holds tomorrow and I know, yes I know He's holding my hand. Oh many, many things (many things) about tomorrow I don't seem, no I don't seem to understand oh but I know, yes I know who holds tomorrow (I know) and I know, yes I know He's holding my hand, holding my hand.

RHS THANK YOU TO LYNDA RANDLE

RHS: And all God's people said, Wow! Thank you. You know what wow stands for: it stands for walk on water.

LR: Amen.

RHS: You have surely done that.

LR: Thank you.

RHS: Thank you so much.

LR: You're so welcome.

RHS: God bless.

SOLO – SOFIE THURSTON – “The Story of God's Love”

There is a book I love to read, I always have it near, God's message written down by men, for everyone to hear. The Bible's not a fairy tale, 'cause every part is true, a letter sent from heaven God saying, "I love you." The story of God's love for me, on every page so I can see, there's nothing else I'd rather read, than the story of God's love for me.

The Bible's more than history not just a piece of art; It's more than poems, songs or verse, its comfort to my heart. It's more than only knowledge, or wisdom from above, its all about God's promise of never ending love. The story of God's love for me, on every page so I can see, there's nothing else I'd rather read, than the story of God's love for me.

And even though there may be times my Bible's far away, I keep it written on my heart, so the words will always stay. The story of God's love for me, on every page so I can see, there's nothing else I'd rather read, than the story of God's love for me. Than the story of God's love for me. God loves me.

RHS THANK YOU TO SOFIE THURSTON

RHS: Thank you Sofie!

ST: Thank you.

RHS: Love to have you here.

ST: Thank you.

INTRODUCTION TO JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ - RHS

RHS: My guest this morning is somebody very special. He's Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz. It was over thirty years ago when Billy Graham invited a number of ministers to an evangelism conference in Germany. His name is Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz. Coming from Argentina and he gave a speech that was phenomenal and that became the beginning of a friendship for us which has lasted and still keeps growing. He's been married for forty-seven years; he has four children, six grandchildren and now with that, welcome Juan Carlos Ortiz.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ

"The True Personality"

JCO: Thank you very, very much. Some times people tell me 'I know you. I've seen you someplace.' I say nope you don't know me. Actually my wife knows me better. I know myself better than my wife and God knows me better than all. Because what you see if they ask you do you know Juan Carlos Ortiz? Oh yes I know I saw him.. no you don't know me. I am not the one you see for you are looking at the house where I live. Pretty soon the walls of this house will start to tremble and the windows start to break and the roof will start to fall and I have to move. The real me is the one that lives inside of this body. Actually I can act very differently that I am really in my inward person. And this is very, very common that we want to appear one thing and then when we know a person, that person is not what we expected. This is why we have so many divorces because people marry a body, a handsome, a pretty, you know and we oh hi ha, ha.

I remember when I was on my honeymoon I was afraid. I said when Martha really gets to know me will she still love me? Because when you get married there is blind love. You don't know her, you don't know him yet. So these are my best years because my wife knows me very well and loves me. Ah, I am tranquil, I have no problems.

So the real personality, the real you is not the one that we see here seated. It's not the one that we see here preaching or playing. The real you is the one who is inside of you and it's very sad that no x-ray picture can tell about that inward person because it's invisible. I went through lots of MRI's and CAT scans and PET scans and never, never they know who I am through those machines because my inward one is a spirit. Its invisible and I know it's there because I dialogue with him continually. Sometimes I tell him you didn't behave properly today. You shouldn't have said to your wife what you said. It's a conversation because we people are the only creatures that are self-conscious. We know that we are somebody inside of us and we can act differently outside. So, the real me is invisible such as the Father is invisible. It is said that one of the greatest demonstration that God exists is our inner person, our conscience. How many have conscience here? Let me see your hands. You have conscience. Have you

ever seen it? It doesn't appear anywhere. Well you don't even know where it is. It is here? No. Here? No. Here? Where is it? But you know you have it. Though you don't see, you don't feel, you don't smell it but you have it. And that is the proof that God, though we don't see Him or hear or taste or smell Him, He is; He exists. Actually faith is one of the attributes of that inner person because suddenly we believe in God. Suddenly what happens? It's because we have the capacity, our inner person, something within us tells us that God is. This is why the scripture says that those who approach God should believe that He is because the only sight and smell and touch, the only sense that can know that God is there is the sense of our soul of our spirit which is faith. Faith is the eyes or our inner being. So that is a tremendous capability possibility that we have.

So we see each other. God made us with a body so we can relate to each other. If we didn't have bodies we would all be invisible. It's a problem, huh? But because we have bodies we are visible and that inner person was placed by God within us. He made just a body, huh? A body. And then the body was there like a corpse then He breathed life into it. He breathed a spirit, a living spirit. That was His spirit breathing into that body and the body started to talk and to walk and to move. And that is the inward person.

So when I see our beloved Roger Williams, I say what a miracle of brains and hands! It's not just hands because everything that happens there it comes from inside. It's something he has within. He's called Mr. Music. He is Mr. Piano because he has it within. So the inner person is the one who defines the outer person. Actually in the case of music we cannot act like we are a pianist because we are not. If I sit at the piano everybody leaves. But he is a person that practices eight, ten hours a day at least. He's married to the piano. If you go to his house, I've had the pleasure to he has a piano in every room. He has a piano behind his bed, beside his bed. He had a piano in his office, in the dining room in the wherever you go there's a piano. Interesting! The inner person is the one that decides I'm going to be a good pianist, the inner one.

So my message is about that inner person which is invisible and that person also is very interesting because the real me is the real me. A person comes to visit me and I say oh welcome brother how nice to see you. I said this has nothing to do; he's coming to bother me at this time. Which is the real me. The real me is the one that is inside that says.. Hi! Dear mother-in-law. Which is the real you.

But another thing of this real me is that listen to this: that is the only part that is eternal in our being. This body that we spend so much money on it. We spend so much on creams and salts and after shave lotion and clothes and comfort of air conditioning and heating. Whatever we are so busy with this and then we start to try to take off the wrinkles and the hurt and oh, imagine how much money and time we devote to this one? Once I spoke to my flesh. The inward one told the flesh listen to me. How we are going to pay me for all the investment I did in you, you know? The suits and the drinks and all the luxuries. I have the nice car, now I want a nicer one. I know, I bought you a Chevy. No, no I want a Cadillac. I gave you a house, a nice place. No I want on the beach. You know never get satisfied this thing. You give and give and give. Every time if they give you a raise, she wants you to move to another neighborhood. She wants to get a new car. You know? So once I said listen, I spend so much on you how much you are going to.. how are you going to pay me back? Says to me I will pay you back with a casket and worms to eat you up. Ah! I said is that so. What were you expecting? Actually I already bought a lot in the cemetery.

But Jesus said, oh how wonderful, He said "Any one who believes in Me will live even after dying and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." And

then He adds, "Do you believe this?" Because this is a matter of faith. Those of us who have faith in God live a different life. I am one of five and the four other brothers and sisters died. They are with the Lord. The last one who died was not too long ago, a few months ago. Makes me more sad than the other ones because he had Alzheimer's and went to church. The granddaughter took him to church after 7:00 am and etcetera and then she went to the bathroom and he escaped and crossed a freeway and was killed by car. So I was sad why that happened to him. I was sad for the girl because she felt guilty because she got careless a little bit. So I went to pray. You know I visualize my prayer. Do you know visualizing helps your faith so much? Actually faith is the conviction of seeing things not seen. Faith is to be sure that things we don't see exist. So when I pray I visualize. Why do you think that intuitively we close our eyes when we go to pray? We close our eyes because we are telling good-bye to the visible to enter into the invisible.

So we enter into the spiritual realm but we know that God is there so I visualize Him and my goodness it would be the whole morning and after to tell you how many different ways I visualize God and the Son and the Holy Spirit and then the seraphs on top of the throne and then the cherubim's and seraphim's and also the angels and then the saints which bash away and then are there. Sometimes there's a great feast. Sometimes I visualize the book of Revelation. Did you see Revelation? The choirs of angels, the parades, the white robes and the incense Ooo! And when I close my eyes maybe John had his eyes closed because he saw all those things. So I imagine those things, which is good. So if I close my eyes now, I imagine that Christ is there seated. And I say hi, how are You? I don't shout. Lord!! When you see a person you don't yell, you don't say that, you just act normal, no? So I visualize.

So when my brother died I visualized him. I went to pray after twenty minutes of little sadness and I saw him getting out of his body on that freeway and an angel, I imagine huh! An angel took him by the hand and took him to heaven and there was in heaven my mother and all my brothers and sisters there were waiting for him and I saw my pastor there, my son Roberto, everybody, the whole family was there and friends. And they were hugging and kissing him and laughing and they were doing all that and I was imagining that suddenly I think that here the Holy Spirit took over because I saw my mother looking down and saying now the only one down there that is left is Juan Carlos. So I went to Martha, and I said Martha you know it's nice up there. You know I want to be up there. I said what about me, she says? What about me? I said don't worry you will come to. Other wise I getting there and I don't miss you because you will follow me. Listen: what a life. We enjoy this life and we are not afraid of death because the inward person is the one that will continue to live forever.

And this, my friends, is the ministry of the church. The ministry of the church is to equip you, to prepare you, to form you. Do you know what I believe? I believe that what Paul said, actually I didn't discover that, but I know it's true. He said that while this outer person grows old, the inner person is renewed day by day. So sometimes I'm asked don't you like to be young again? I said young again? Let's see: Well if I could have a younger body with all what I know now and all the experience that I had then yes. But to be young to do the same foolishness things that I did? No. I prefer to keep on growing. And I believe, my fiends, that the more we grow in the inner person here when we get up there we are going to get into a different grade. If we didn't grow anything they will put you back into Kindergarten. But if we grow spiritually here we will start up there maybe in high school or in University because it's not that we die and then we start something. No, we continue to live. We continue this wonderful life up there. This is why we

should be more interested than we are in building up the inward person. We spend so much on this outward one we should spend more time and more money on the inward one, the one that is eternal.

What is to be your inward person? It's to check yourself. You know I am continually checking myself. I don't check myself too much here in the pulpit; my wife does the checking of that. I try to check myself for I am when I am alone; When nobody sees me. That is the real me. The real you is what you do what you think, how you act when you are alone, when nobody sees you. It's very easy to perform here, everybody's looking at me. I have to behave properly up here. But the thing is when I am alone. So my mother started that with me. I remember in the.. I was working as an office boy in a company, an American company in Buenos Aires actually, Texaco, and in the rush time the train was packed with people, the rush hours, so the ticket collector could not come to mark your ticket because there were so many people on the train. But I always bought the ticket. One day I got to the station, the train was about to leave so I went into the train with out buying the ticket. I said I will buy if the ticket collector comes, but he didn't come. So I went to my mom and I said Mom I traveled free today! I said how could you travel free? Yes, the ticket collector didn't come and I didn't have bought the ticket. Oh, no my son, you are your own ticket collector. Go back to the station, buy a ticket, break it and put it in the garbage. She was forming my inner person. My friends, many times after that I went to the train and I didn't pay the ticket and as soon as I got off the train I bought the ticket. My mother said doesn't your conscience tell you that you are stealing to the railroad company? So Juan Carlos if the bills did not come you would not pay electricity and gas and all those things? Oh, my goodness. What a mother I had and many more things. She was trying to build my inward one.

So when you act with your family, with your children, with yourself why don't you check yourself? Do you know that when you go to communion it is said that we should examine ourselves. Examine ourselves. We examine ourselves usually before the mirror. You know we all have a mirror just before the exiting door of the house because we do the last look there huh? You check yourself to get the drivers license and this, what about checking the inward person. The motivations? The things nobody sees. The things nobody can tell you about.

We have two forces on life that we need and they compete for our obedience. One force is our senses. You know our sight, our ears, our smell, our taste, our touch, those senses like some things that they want to force us to obey. Look at that nice looking woman and look at that, you know, it's a force, temptation. That's why Jesus told us to pray, that do not let us fall into temptation but deliver us from the evil one because not only do we have those temptations through our senses but there is a force that also comes to pull with the senses that is the evil one, the evil one. He appears in the Garden of Eden, did you see that? The woman saw the fruit that was good and then Satan comes and says eat it, it's nice. So we have those forces, the senses and the evil tempting us to do what is wrong.

And then we have another force inside which is the inner person, our conscience that tells that is wrong. The thing is that the conscience is very gentle, doesn't force you like the senses and like the evil one. The conscience just tells us that's wrong. That's right. Good. No. You know but because the conscience is so gentle we disobey her. That's what Paul says, you know, I don't want to do this and I'm doing it. What I hate I do and what I like I don't do. It's the forces that take us into sin, into things which are wrong, mistakes, errors. So we need another force and this is what I want to come to.

My mother taught me, Juan Carlos to be powerful against temptation you need the power of Jesus Christ in your life. If you open your conscience that was made by God just for him and you let him sit there at the steering wheel of your life. If you let God and the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ to come in to dwell that's what the scripture says. "I stand at the door knock if you open the door I will come in and have dinner with you." That means He comes to stay to a friendship not just to an official visit but to dwell in us. Then with Christ in us things are very simple. I found since Jesus is in my life that I can overcome temptations much easier, much faster and it becomes a pleasure and I tell you something it's one by one to walk in the spirit that means to walk by the guidance of Jesus because He doesn't push you either. He just gives you the power. You decide, but if you decide the power is there.

Do you know like the old cars? The old cars - some of you remember the old cars - no power steering. Do you remember those cars? How many of you remember those cars? Well you have to turn that wheel. It was a sweating experience. To brake you push that pedal all the way never stopped. Praise God all the cars were alike. Once I was taking a missionary from America in Argentina in our car and he was watching me how to park. I was fighting, he said you know Juan Carlos in America we already have power steering. I said what is that? You don't have to make any effort. No? No. Even when you are a standing. Yeah. No effort. How come? The engine makes the effort. I don't have to push that pedal to brake that much? No? No. Why not? Because the engine pushes the pedal. I said he's lying. No, missionaries cannot lie. My problem was this how does the engine knows when I want to turn? I thought was that automatic, you know? I said maybe in America they put you a hat with cables to the engine and you think and the engine does it, but if you are thinking something else what a problem. But when I came to America I was twenty and the first thing they gave me was a car with power steering and power brakes and guess what happened the first stop sign? I pushed that pedal and I banged my head against the windshield. Then I go oh it's true - the engine makes the effort, but still I have to decide to break. It's true the engine makes the effort but still I have to have to turn the wheel.

Listen my friends Jesus Christ in you is power steering and power brakes! Still you have to decide when temptation comes, you say no way. I need brakes. Or you say no, I need turns. That's why Christ in us is the hope of glory. God said you wait to see what will happen to human kind when I put My Son in their lives. It will be different. So I was taught from childhood that Christ in me was the answer to overcome temptations and to become the personality I want to become and God would make me. God created me to be something different than what I used to be. But when I found Christ in my life it was the simplest thing. Power steering and power brakes.

Let us pray. God I confess that I am one of Your disobedient children. If you need, pray this prayer. Many times though I knew Your will and my duty I had not power to overcome temptation. Please Father, forgive my offenses so I will be able to forgive those who offend me. And do not let me to fall into temptation but deliver me from evil. Come into my life with forgiveness and give me a new life and a new power. Amen. Thank you very much.

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 heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Thank you, thank you Juan Carlos Ortiz!

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.