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VO: Today on the Hour of Power: You will hear the incredible story of Michael Franzese, once the mafia's most financially powerful superstar before Christ turned his life around.

MICHAEL: I grew up in that life. My dad was the underboss of the Colombo crime family and about 30 years ago, it was about two years after I became a member and was inducted myself.

VO: Also today wonderful recording artist Marie Barlow-Martin.

MARIE: Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee. How great Thou art.

VO: Then Dr. Schuller welcomes best selling author and internationally recognized leadership expert John Maxwell to begin a special four-part series on his new book, Put Your Dream to the Test.

JOHN: Don't talk yourself out of your dream. If it's a dream that God has given you, I would encourage you to make it a part of your life. You see the most important person that you'll listen to; the most important person that I'll listen to all day is me.

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/INVOCATION - RHS

RHS: This really is the day that God has made. Hallelujah! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Good morning, Lord. It's a beautiful day because You opened our eyes and You've opened our minds as we step into Your house and we are receptive. We will be open to the ideas that come from Jesus. This truly is a glorious gift. Hallelujah, Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – O Jesus, We Adore You/What a Friend"

O Jesus, we adore You, upon the cross, our King! We bow our hearts before You, Your gracious name we sing. That name has brought salvation; that name in life our stay; our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

O glorious King, we bless You, no longer pass You by; O Jesus, we confess You, the Son enthroned on high. Lord, grant to us remission; life through Your death restore; O grant us hope of glory and life forevermore.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who

will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Jesus, name above all names; Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us; Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

SCRIPTURE – Sel. Verses from John - RHS

RHS: You may be seated. The Easter is season is upon us and our scripture today are the collected verses from the gospel, spoken by Jesus Christ, recorded to live for us to hear them today. Why has Christianity survived 2000 years? The wars, the turmoil, the conflict. Unpredictable. Why is the cross the single most prominent symbol on planet earth today? What made Jesus Christ the success that He was and is? Because when people read what He said, and listen to His claims, they could not argue with Him. No one can debate with Jesus and win. Hear what He said:

I am the light of the world. All who follow Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. I am the bread of life. All who come to Me shall never hunger, and all who believe in Me shall never thirst. I am the door. If they enter by Me they will be saved. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd and I know My sheep and am known by My own. I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. I am the resurrection and the life. All who believe in Me though they may die, they shall live.

May God bless these words spoken by Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

RHS THANK YOU TO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

RHS: Thank you choir.

INTERVIEW – MICHAEL FRANZESE

RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER MF: MICHAEL FRANZESE

RHS: My guest today, I was sitting with him up here and I looked at him and I said to him I can see Jesus in your eyes. That's because Jesus, if He lives in your mind and in your thoughts, that impacts your spirit and your emotions and your eye reads the emotions and displays it in happy tears. Can't believe that my guest spent eight years in prison. Is that correct? Wow. Powerful story. I'm very honored to have him here. His name is Michael Franzese. He was once the target of multiple city, state and federal law enforcement agencies. His name was

targeted for assassination by the mob. Tom Brokaw called him the prince of the mafia. He was the mafia's youngest and most financially powerful new superstar the son of legendary Colombo family under boss, John "Sonny" Franzese. His criminal empire earned six to eight million dollars a week making him one of the biggest money earners for organized crime since Al Capone. That was then. Today he is a new person in Christ. And he's using his life lessons to help others. He has a new book which I find fascinating reading. The book is entitled I'll Make You an Offer You Can't Refuse. Please welcome with me Michael Franzese.

MF: Thank you. Thank you, Dr. Schuller. Thank you.

RHS: Well what was your life like 30 years ago?

MF: Well certainly a lot different than it is today. You know I grew up in that life. My dad was the underboss of the Colombo crime family and about 30 years ago, it was about two years after I became a member and was inducted myself, so I was, you know, hard core, Dr. Schuller, and fully entrenched in the mob life.

RHS: And they inducted you. How do they do that?

MF: There's a very solemn ceremony that takes place. For me, it was on Halloween night, 1975. It was myself and five other gentlemen. We went into a room, it was late at night, and the hierarchy of the family, the boss, was there and all of the captains, couple of regimes, and I entered the room and the boss was seated at the head of like a horseshoe configuration and all the captains were alongside of him. I went in front of the boss, held out my hand; he took a knife, cut my finger, some blood dropped on the floor. And then I cupped my hands and he took a picture of a saint, the Catholic altar card, put it in my hands and lit it aflame. And it didn't hurt, it burned quickly, it was merely symbolic and he said, "tonight Michael Franzese, you are being born again into a new life, into La Cosa Nostra and if you violate what you know about this life or betray the family, then you're going to die and burn in hell like this saint is burning in your hands."

RHS: Well what was life like for you? You became a member of the family. What was it like?

MF: You know Dr. Schuller, I got to admit, I mean I lived every day of my life in violation of the laws of God and the laws of man, I mean you're in that life, it's a criminal life style. You have a whole different mindset, you kind of justify the things that you are doing cause I grew up in that and that's what I saw my dad do before me, and it was a very difficult life, I mean you always worried about law enforcement on one end and your own people on the other and I became a major target of law enforcement. Was actually indicted and went to trial five times in my life. Rudy Giuliani indicted me on a big case back in '85 and I was fortunately acquitted. I wouldn't be here today. He told me in the courtroom if I convict you, you're going to get 100 years on this case. And I was acquitted after a lengthy trial. And you know it's a very treacherous life and if you survive that life and die of old age and die free, you've really accomplished something.

RHS: Wow. Well what did you do day to day, week to week to carry out the crimes?

MF: Well you know I was in business and I was in some of the traditional gambling businesses and you know loan sharking and things like that, but I had a lot of legitimate business, too. I knew how to use that life to benefit me in business. Went on to make a lot of money and in that life, if you make money, it translates to power so I became a.. they were slating me to be the next boss of the family. And that was my life, kind of every day, you know, I was very much

involved, I had a number of soldiers underneath me and it was just a lot of work. I worked 18 hours a day in that life, but you know something happened. Among many things that I was doing, I was producing films back in the mid '80's and it was on a film set that my life kind of changed and God kind of called out to me.

RHS: What happened to change you from that hell of a life to what is a true Christian life today? How do you get from that to this?

MF: Well it's only through God's power. I was producing a movie and we were producing it in South Florida and we brought 50 dancers in from LA, and one young dancer from Anaheim, actually, was dancing on the set and I saw her by the pool one day and it was just like a Pepsi commercial. Everything went in slow motion for me when I saw her get out of the pool and as it turns out, she was a young Christian girl and God certainly used her to introduce me to Christ and change my life.

RHS: What's the difference in your life since you accepted Christ?

MF: You know, it wasn't only accepting; I accepted Christ early on but never surrendered to Him and I ended up doing eight years in prison and in the last three years, they had me in solitary, I was in the hole, and it was during that time that I surrendered to Jesus and really understood what that meant: turn my life over to Him. And when I got out of jail, He just kind of took me by the hand and led me on the course that I'm on now and I've just become.. I firmly believe in Him. He saved my life, He's protected me and everybody predicted my death, everybody from Giuliani on down, and I believe God had a different plan and purpose for me.

RHS: Yeah, you could have been assassinated.

MF: Well there's been a contract on my life and you know like I said I don't worry myself about it now because I think God had different plans for me.

RHS: What is your goal in life today?

MF: You know I take one day at a time. I never realized I'd have a ministry, I never realized I'd be standing next to you after you know my wife first came here, she's an Anaheim girl, she's actually out in the audience, but she came here in 1983/84 when you first opened the Crystal Cathedral. I never believed I'd be standing beside you and you know giving my testimony at churches throughout the country and writing books and it's really, I take one day at a time and see where the Lord leads me.

RHS: So this faith through her made you what you are today.

MF: Yes. You know, I was just really impressed, she not only talked the talk but she walked the walk and she talked to me about Jesus like He was standing in the room with us. First it was a little creepy, I didn't quite get it, but it took hold and I know that she was the catalyst that the Lord used to bring me to Him.

RHS: Tell me, do you ever have memories of the other life and how do you deal with them?

MF: You know I realize every day how blessed I am. My dad is 92 years old. He just got out of prison on Christmas Eve.

RHS: Ninety two!

MF: Ninety two.

RHS: How long was he in prison?

MF: Thirty three years he spent in there.

RHS: Oh!

MF: And sadly enough, he's under indictment again because he's still involved in that life and my brother is actually in trouble and in that life and I get

reminded every day of just how blessed I am to be away from that and to be free and to be able to enjoy my family and do what I'm doing now, so I'm reminded every day.

RHS: Wow. You wrote a book about it and that's wonderful. Tell me about the book.

MF: Well it's actually a business book and that's the publishers title I'll Make You an Offer You Can't Refuse. I don't understand where he came up with that but anyway you know when I did business..

RHS: Pretty picture.

MF: ..well they always try to make me look mean for some reason.

RHS: Is this you?

MF: Yes it is. It is.

RHS: When you're in the mob.

MF: Well actually I was out of the mob. If I was in the mob, I wouldn't be taking those pictures but there were more mug shots back then but its just basically when I was in that life, you live under a Machiavellian philosophy where the ends justifies the means and its kind of where you live and the way you do business. And I was very, very motivated and impressed by Solomon in Proverbs when I was in prison and I tried to work my life around Solomon's proverbs and its really a contrast of how I did business the old way and how I lived my life and how I tried to do business and live my life today.

RHS: Wow. Well, you've got a great audience around the world in Russia, China and gosh millions of people and they're listening to you. You've been on the other side, the bad side, the criminal side, the mob and you got out and you're still alive which is a miracle.

MF: Yes.

RHS: And look at those people. If you have one or two things to say to them, I would like to hear you say 'let me tell you something.'

MF: Let me tell you this: no matter, for those people out there. I know everybody's struggling with something and I always tell people no matter how far you think you've fallen away from the Lord, no matter how bad you think your life was and how unworthy you might be, that the ground at the foot of the cross certainly is level and if God can save and use somebody like me, then there's certainly hope for anyone out there. And I encourage everybody just make Jesus your best friend and you've got it made.

RHS: That's great, that's great. Thank you. We have the book in our bookstore. You can order it by calling us here or find it in your local bookstore, anyplace in America, I assume. If they don't have it, tell them to order it I'll Make You an Offer You Can't Refuse.

MF: Yes. Thank you.

RHS: Thank you.

MF: God bless you. Thank you.

RHS: God bless you.

MF: Thank you, thank you.

ANTHEM - "We Walk By Faith"

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

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

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

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

RHS THANK YOU TO CHOIR/ORCHESTRA/DON

RHS: Thank you choir, thank you organist, thank you Don.

RHS INTRODUCES MARIE BARLOW-MARTIN

RHS: Now it's my joy to welcome for the first time to the Crystal Cathedral, Marie Barlow-Martin. Marie has sung around the world, receiving accolades from Scotland to Japan, California to New York, everywhere in-between. Her love for Jesus shines through her eyes and her voice. Let's give her a warm welcome as she comes to sing "How Great Thou Art."

SOLO – MARIE BARLOW-MARTIN – "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Thou art!

RHS THANK YOU TO MARIE BARLOW-MARTIN

RHS: Thank you Marie. Thank you so much.

INTRODUCTION TO JOHN MAXWELL - RHS

RHS: And now introducing my guest pastor today gives me great honor. His name is John Maxwell. He completed a master of divinity degree at Azusa Pacific University and a doctor of ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. After 25 years of successful, super successful church leadership, God called John to devote himself full time to speaking and writing. And today John Maxwell is an internationally recognized and respected leadership expert. Today John Maxwell is in not only an expert on leadership, he's a speaker, and a New York Times and a Wall Street Journal and a Business Week best selling author, having sold over sixteen million books. You can say wow. Thank you.

Each year, John speaks to Fortune 500 companies, international government leaders, the NFL, ambassadors of the United Nations, and churches around the country. He was here a few months ago and agreed to come back and I asked him if he could deliver four sermons that we could air on global television. And he agreed.

So the message series that's he's on is The Dream Journey of Joseph based on his new book Put Your Dream to the Test! Let's give a warm Crystal Cathedral welcome to somebody very special to me and to you, John Maxwell.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – JOHN MAXWELL

"The Dream Journey of Joseph I – How to Go From Believer to Buyer"

JM: Good morning. What a delight to be here with you. I was in Washington DC recently with some top level executives and I asked them two questions. Question number one is do you have a dream? One hundred percent, as you would imagine with this level of people, said yes I have a dream and then I asked them the question have you achieved your dream? Seventy five percent said no I have not yet achieved or accomplished that dream.

For the last several years, I've wanted to write a book on helping people achieve their dreams because I believe you have one. How many of you in your lifetime have had a dream. Can I see your hands? We all have dreams. And yet many of us never achieve it and so over the last several years, I've wanted to write a book that would help a person achieve their dream, and to be honest with you, I've been frustrated a couple of times of the attempts because I thought that the book was a little huffy and puffy. Didn't have substance. It wasn't solid. So recently, as I began my attempt for the book now that has just been released, Put Your Dream to the Test, I came to realize that the more valid reasons you have to accomplish your dream, the higher the odds are that you will. If you only have one reason to accomplish your dream, it's very possible that life will kind of get tough on you during the journey and you'll kind of back away from it, but if you and I have several valid reasons to achieve our dream, the odds are that we will. And that's from my book; Put Your Dream to the Test. And I would like to now go to Joseph, the greatest dreamer in the bible. And I would like us to see how he put his dream to the test, just as you and I can, in his dream journey to go from a believer in the dream to a buyer of the dream. Where you see one of the ten questions in my book is the ownership question: is your dream really your dream?

So let's look at it and let's look at the life of Joseph and let us watch him show us how to go from a believer to a buyer of our dream.

Point #1: Don't let others talk you into your dream. We've had that happen, haven't we? We've had somebody else, maybe a family member, a very close friend who wanted to see us be something or do something and all of a sudden we kind of bought into their dream, not our dream and so now we are beginning to pursue a dream that is not ours. I know that for a fact. When I was young and just getting into first grade, my parents thought that I had great music ability. Sounds familiar, doesn't it. And if the parents don't think you have great abilities, your grandparents surely do. And then, they talked me into taking piano lessons and so I started taking piano lessons in the first grade and I kind of personally thought I was good, also. Until about the first year we had our piano recital and a girl that had been taking lessons only six months, she was in the recital, she was a friend of mine, her name was Elaine Mosely and when I played my piece, I thought that was pretty good, and then when she got up and she played her piece, I looked at myself and I said to myself this is not your gift. But

for the next four years, I practiced the piano and took piano lessons because it was a dream for my parents.

I remember the day that I had to go talk to them about this because you see when I was in the 5th grade, I went to the first high school basketball game and I watched these high school players play basketball and the thing that impressed me the most were the introductions, when they turn all the lights out and the spotlight was on the ball player and they would run out in the middle of the court and they would announce their name and I thought oh, oh, that's what I want to do. I don't want to play the piano. That's my parents dream. I want to play basketball. I went home and I shared with them I wanted to play basketball and my parents said okay let's go for it and they put a little ball court out by our house and I practiced and when I was in the 5th grade and the 6th grade, our team went to the finals of the city. And I'll never forget the first time I went to the gym where I had seen the big boys play, while the other guys were out there practicing, I went over and sat at the same place I had watched them sit and I closed my eyes, that's turning the lights out in the gym, and I called my name and I ran out to the center court. And it just felt so good and I thought this is what I love. This is my dream. You see Joseph, as you go into chapter 37; he understood that this was his dream. It wasn't given to him by his father, it wasn't given to him by his brothers, in fact three times it says Joseph had a dream. He owned it. It was his. And I would say to you today in going from a believer to a buyer of your dream, the first thought is don't let others talk you into your dream.

The second thought is don't let others talk you out of your dream. Because that happens, doesn't it? We have a dream and we kind of share it with others and in the beginning stages, that dream is quite vulnerable and I think we've probably have had all times where we would maybe share something we wanted to do, something we kind of felt in our hearts, something it was kind of important to us, to have somebody walk into our life and say oh we don't think that's good. We don't think you can do that. We don't think that's possible in your life. In chapter 37, when Joseph told his father and his brothers about his dream, the bible says his father reprimanded him. What's with all this dreaming? Am I and your mother and your brothers all supposed to bow down to you? Now his brothers were really jealous but his father brooded over the whole business. You see as Joseph, a very young teenager, began to share his dream with his family, they began to try to talk him out of that dream.

I read of an interesting experiment recently of four monkeys that these scientists put in a room, a long pole with bananas at the top. And as the four monkeys were in the room, of course one of them spotted the bananas and began to climb the pole and got almost to the top of the pole and they doused the monkey with just a strong torrent of water and the monkey came scampering down without the bananas. And then, another monkey tried it and doused with water and the third monkey, the fourth monkey, all the monkeys tried to get the bananas and then they would be doused with cold water. Finally, of course, none of the monkeys are going to go up that pole to get the bananas.

And then they replaced one of the original monkeys that had been doused with water with one that didn't have that experience and he came in the room and he saw the bananas and he started to climb up the pole but this time the other monkeys would grab him and wouldn't let him climb the pole. Slowly they replaced one monkey with another until now four monkeys later are in the same room, none of them have ever been doused with water, none of them have ever had a bad experience but they're pulling each other down and not letting each other reach the bananas. I thought how true that is to life. People sometimes who

have never achieved, some people who have never realized their dream and yet they try to talk us out of our dream and keep us from reaching and being what God really perhaps intended you or me to become. Don't let others talk you out of the dream.

And thirdly, don't let others knock you out of your dream. Because in Genesis chapter 37, as Joseph came to his brothers, they spotted him off in the distance and by the time he got there, they had cooked up a plot to kill him and the brothers were saying "here comes the dreamer. Let's kill him and throw him in one of the old cisterns. We can say that a vicious animal ate him and then we'll see what his dreams amount to." You see to go from a believer to a buyer of your dream; you first of all don't talk yourself out of the dream. You don't let others talk you out of the dream but then there are times when people will try to literally knock you out of the dream as they did Joseph. But here's the most important point this morning.

Point #4 – Don't talk yourself out of your dream. If it's a dream that God has given you, I would encourage you to make it a part of your life. You see the most important person that you'll listen to; the most important person that I'll listen to all day is me. And I want to make sure that I say the right things to myself. And that's true in Joseph's life. He would have been tempted at times to talk himself out of the dream but he decided that he would pursue the dream that God had given to him.

Let me share with you a story that involves Dr. Schuller. As a young pastor, Margaret and I, our first church was in Southern Indiana, Hillham Indiana. The first Sunday in our first service, there were only three people and two of them were Margaret and me. There was an old lady who lived by the church whose name was Maude, and it was Maude, Margaret and me. That was it. But we just absolutely fell in love with that little rural area and of course I had a dream to build a great church and I didn't know how to build a great church. I grew up in a kind of a denomination that was just kind of non progressive, in fact their idea of progress was moving backwards slowly. And I said if I can just get to great men and if I can just get to great churches that have been built and if I can ask questions, I know that they'll teach me how to build a church because it was my dream and so I got the list of the great churches in America and the pastors of these great churches and I began to slowly talk to them or call them on the phone and they didn't know who I was. I said my name's John Maxwell, I have a little church, but I have a dream of building a great church and I'll give you a hundred dollars if you'll give me thirty minutes of your time. Now I was only making about \$6,000. That was a lot of money. But I was so desperate to hear people who had already achieved their dream so that I could learn how to do it, so I would slowly, over the next few years, I would go to these towns and I would sit down and I would talk to these leaders and they would talk to me about how they have built their church and I would take notes and many times afterwards they would lay hands on me and pray over me, and I would go out into the parking lot and sometimes I'd put my notes in the seat beside me and I'd just lay my head on the steering wheel and I'd pray and I'd cry like a baby and I'd say God if You did that for them, You can do that for me. If You helped them build a church, You can help me build a church.

It was a great experience in my life. I met a lot of great men, attended a lot of great churches, got a lot of great advice. People that came along side of me to love me, to encourage me, to help me and lift up the dream that I had in my life. It was a wonderful experience. It helped me to go from being a believer of a dream to a buyer of the dream. But Dr. Schuller was one of those leaders. Dr. Schuller, I

have in my hands a book that I picked up in a bookstore in 1970. It's entitled, Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking.

RHS: You're kidding.

JM: I picked this book up and I just devoured it; every page. In fact at the beginning of the book, he tells the story of himself going to a great church in Dallas, George Truitt's church. And there had his dream kind of fired up because he saw this great man who had built a great church and so that was the beginning of his call to come to California. And as I was reading the story, he said something in this book that greatly touched my life. He said the greatest churches are yet to be organized. And I remember reading those words, Dr. Schuller, and the spirit of God speaking to me and say John, he means you.

RHS: Yes.

JM: You can build a great church for God. And I, oh I wish you could see this book, I mean the inside I had just quotes of his all over, I mean this was in 1970 I wrote these things down. I have a place in my office where I have books that have greatly impacted my life. And this book is one of them, in fact Dr. Schuller; two of your books are in that section of my library. You're the only author in the world that I have two books that have greatly impacted my life and this was one of them. And I just want you to know, as I wrote Put Your Dream to the Test book, I thought of how many times you had put your thoughts and your ideas on paper, or in message that just greatly impacted a lot of lives, including mine. This is a treasure of mine, in fact I brought it to you a few years ago, and you wrote in it, this book, John I wrote the book, you're proving it. Your friend, Robert Schuller.

I tell you my friends, millions of people in this world, millions, could say that this man helped them to realize and receive the dream that they had. So Dr. Schuller, just this week my newest book Put Your Dream to the Test has just been released. And this is a special Hour of Power edition of Put Your Dream to the Test and this is the first copy, in fact I just saw it this morning when I came to church. And I asked them if I could do this and they said that I could, I would like Dr. Schuller to give you the first copy of this special edition because you had helped me to realize my dream and just like the dream journey of Joseph, who as he walked and was faithful to that dream, God brought things to pass that would not have happened if he wouldn't have had a dream and would not have held onto it if he wouldn't have gone from a believer to a buyer in the dream. You've done this for me, so from my heart to your heart, and I know from the heart of this congregation and all of the television viewers around the world, we greatly love you and respect you and here is my first copy of the book Put Your Dream to the Test. God bless you.

RHS: John, John Maxwell. I'll tell you I thought so much of this book that we're going to offer a copy of it to all of you who write in and send a little gift, of course. And I've never done that, I don't think, with another book except Norman Peale's, The Power of Positive Thinking.

JM: Power of Positive Thinking.

RHS: John Maxwell, Put Your Dream to the Test. And where's the hundred dollar bill, in here?

JM: Hey I'm surprised that he didn't ask it with interest, since that was 35 years ago. May God bless you as you realize your dream. Thank you very much.

HYMN - "Medley – Heav'n is Here/Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Heav'n is here as hymns of gladness cheer our daily, tiresome way. Heav'n is here as clouds of sadness now are changed from night to day. Heav'n is here, God's mercy lightens all our heavy loads of care. God is here, the daylight brightens as in deeds of love we share.

Heav'n is here, when we, despairing are uplifted, cheered and blest, while in other's burdens sharing we do find contented rest, where we hear the voice of duty, walk the path our Savior trod. This is Heav'n: its peace, its beauty, radiant with the love of God.

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place. And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face. And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly love, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. And may God give you His peace in your going out and in your coming in, in your lying down and in your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears until you come and stand before Jesus in that day in which for you there will be no sunset, only eternal light and life forevermore. Happy Sunday. God bless.