

HOUR OF POWER OF 07.03.2010

OPENING SENTENCE - RHS

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

PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Julie Hadden made an amazing transformation on NBC's The Biggest Loser, losing one hundred pounds, nearly 45% of her body weight. But the real transformation happened in Julie's mind. If you need the inspiration to change something in your life, stay tuned. Julie has something to say to you.

JH: I think the pain of where I was became greater than the pain of change. And I just prayed and asked God for a second chance. I dug the hole of obesity five pounds at a time.

VO: Also today, the amazing voice of Dorothy Benham.

DB: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings.

VO: Then Dr. Robert H. Schuller returns to the pulpit with a very special message for you, titled, "Being an Up Person in An Upside Down World."

RHS: Faith plus focus plus follow through equals lifetime achievement! Wow. You become an up person in a down world.

VO: If you need a lift today, you've tuned to the right program. 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: Good morning.

SSC: Good morning.

RHS: Sheila it's a great place to be on Sunday.

SSC: It is and you know, dad, today we need an hour of power. Do all of you need an hour of power today? I do and so what are you going to preach on to give us that hour of power?

RHS: What do you think I should preach on? What do you want hear?

SSC: I want to hear about faith.

RHS: You're going to get it.

SSC: And I want to hear how to be up in an upside down world.

RHS: Right.

SSC: Yes.

RHS: The world is upside down.

SSC: Yes and we want to extend our condolences and our prayers to the people of Haiti. And many of us have relatives who live there or know of people who live there. But that's one thing that you taught me years ago because one thing we hear when there's a horrible, horrific tragedy like Haiti, people will say "well where's God" at a time like that?

RHS: And the answer is my goodness He's the first on the scene. What happens when a tragedy? Ambulances roar, humans run to the side of the bleeding person, people come. They are the first creatures to come to the suffering scene.

SSC: That's right so God is the first one on the scene and isn't that a great testimony? So turn around and shake hands with somebody and tell them God loves you and so do I.

RHS: Let's pray. Lord, You brought us together here; an interesting collection of separate persons each with their private memory systems. How we need You and we're getting it. We'll leave with You more richly imbedded in our consciousness. Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – O For a Thousand Tongues/He is Exalted"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise; the glories of my God and King; the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease. It's music to my listening ears of life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim. To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

BETH: Psalm 108 says "I will sing with my whole soul, for great is Your love." Be exalted, oh God.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name. He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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SCRIPTURE – Psalm 91 - SSC

SSC: Oh, hallelujah. Please be seated. Hear these beautiful words from Psalm 91 that remind us of God's care and protection:

Those who dwell in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and my fortress, my God. In Him I will trust. He shall cover you with His feathers and under His wings you shall take refuge. His truth shall be your shield. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noon day. Because you have made the Lord even the most high your habitation, no evil shall befall you or shall any plague come near your dwelling for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands. Because you have set your love upon Me, says the Lord, therefore I will deliver you. I will set you on high because you have known My name. You shall call upon Me and I will answer You. I will be with you in trouble. I will deliver you and honor you with long life. I will satisfy you and show you My salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

SOLO - DOROTHY BENHAM - "On Eagle's Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord; Who abide in His shadow for life say to the Lord: My refuge, My rock in whom I trust. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day. Under His wings your refuge; His faithfulness your shield. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun and hold you, and hold you, and hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.

SSC THANK YOU TO DOROTHY BENHAM

DB: Thank you, Sheila.

SSC: So beautiful. Isn't she gorgeous inside and out and a voice of an angel. And you were Miss America in..

DB: 1977.

SSC: ..isn't that amazing? Isn't that wonderful?

DB: A long time ago.

SSC: No, not that long! No and I have to let the people know that one of our very own girls who grew up here in the church Kristy Cavinder is the reigning Miss California and is on her way to the Miss America pageant so we are rooting for Kristy.

DB: Yes.

SSC: But thank you and..

DB: Thank you, Sheila.

SSC: ..you have a CD?

DB: I do.

SSC: The Crystal..

DB: ..Cathedral collection. It's all of my live performances here with all of you.

SSC: Well you are a beautiful, beautiful Christian, a beautiful, beautiful mom and we love you. You're like family.

DB: Thank you.

SSC: God bless you. I know, isn't she gorgeous? And like I said to my husband, I said look at that trim figure will you? And I said but Jim I did birth four sons. And then I found out that Dorothy birthed six children. So no excuses for me.

INTERVIEW – JULIE HADDEN

SSC: SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN JH: JULIE HADDEN

SSC: Well one of my wonderful opportunities that I get to do in this role is I get to interview some of the most amazing people. And as part of that, I have books that I get to read. And so this week I read the book Fat Chance: Losing my weight, gaining my worth. You know, this is the story of Julie Hadden, who was on the Biggest Loser. And I have to tell you, the first time I heard that title for a show, I thought oh dear, Dad won't like that title at all. He's all about helping people win and have success and if he hears there's a title called The Biggest

Loser and that Julie was working really hard to be the biggest loser. And I would like them now to put on the Jumbotron the picture of Julie because Julie lost a hundred pounds, 45% of her weight, and she is here today to give you an uplift and I'm very, very anxious for you to get to meet Julie. Julie, come on up. Look at you!

JH: Thank you for having me.

SSC: This is one of the most creative book covers I've ever seen. I just have to show it. Can they see it on the Jumbotron? It says Fat Chance, but it has your before picture and then this comes off and there you are, all renewed through your experience.

JH: Yes, let's keep that off.

SSC: We'll keep that off. What made you decide to go on The Biggest Loser?

JH: You know, I was just a stay at home mom who watched the show like so many other American's on Tuesday nights with you know a bowl of nachos in my lap, thinking I could do that. And I just decided to take a chance. I think the pain of where I was became scarier of the pain of trying something new. So I went to a local casting call and stood in line at the mall and you know prayed for a miracle. I just never thought that it would come in the form of The Biggest Loser with you know Jillian Michaels as a cherry on top.

SSC: Well I loved it; your very first time they had all of you lined up and they were talking about, everybody told their stories and you were the very last one and one of the first women said that she runs an ice cream truck, right, or something, that's why she had trouble with her weight, or something, and you were sitting there thinking I don't have anything to say, I don't have anything to say and then..

JH: Well yes, you're in an audition and they line you up and these people have these amazing stories, you know, just heart wrenching stories like beautiful brides who want to lose weight before they get married, or one girl was a victim of Hurricane Katrina and I was sitting there thinking oh pick her, pick her. And I started feeling all those insecurities about who am I, I'm nothing special. Why would I get this opportunity? And there was a lady who went before me who said "I'm fat because I drive an ice cream truck." And of course they loved her. So when they came to me, I thought what can I say, what can I say, and I said "Hey, lady over there, I was the fat lady chasing your ice cream truck yesterday. You should slow down," and you know that started the ball rolling and it actually took me a year to be cast on the show.

SSC: A whole year. You talk in the book about what fat stole from you. Do you want to talk about that a little bit?

JH: You know it stole so much from me over the course of my life. It stole my security, it stole my peace, it stole you know little things that you don't even think about like being able to live in the body that you want to live in. And I really struggle with that because my whole life I had spent trying to honor God and what I thought was that He was mad at me because this body that I was supposed to keep like a temple I had treated like a fair ground and throughout this process what I realized was that He wasn't mad at me, He was madly in love with me.

SSC: Exactly the way you are.

JH: Exactly the way I was and when I got a glimpse of the Julie that He created, you know, through the reflection of my Creator's eyes and not at the reflection that stared back at me every day in the mirror, everything changed for me.

SSC: Yes the weight was more of a symptom.

JH: Absolutely.

SSC: A symptom of the hunger, the starvation in your soul of not feeling worthy and a low self esteem, and I think what's so powerful about the book is it's not just a story about weight loss or anything of that, but it's about self esteem gain and learning how valuable we are. And I think there are people who it's not fat that's stealing things from their life, the joy of their life, but it's the lack of self esteem and the lack of courage to go and do and be all that God's created us to be.

JH: I think that everyone carries weight that's unnecessary. It's not always measured on the scale but maybe it's the weight of un-forgiveness or maybe it's a weight that you've been carrying for years that you didn't even put on yourself. And you know through this process I learned that it is possible to let go of that weight and to realize your worth in Christ. You know, sometimes in America when we say that we're worthy of something, it's almost like saying we're better than someone else and all worth means is that it's something that has value and I think that Jesus has proven over and over again through His word just how valuable we are to Him.

SSC: Now you all had t-shirts that had your motto.

JH: Yes.

SSC: What did yours say?

JH: Mine said to finish what I started for once. Because my whole life I had tried to lose weight but I never finished anything and I think that people who struggle with their weight and don't succeed all have one thing in common and that's that they quit.

SSC: So in saying to people today, what advice can you give them?

JH: Well I would just say that you have to find your worth in the eyes of the person who created you for a purpose. You know I spent years trying to find my worth in things and that wasn't who I was. You know the name of my book is entitled, Fat Chance, which obviously is a play on words but it means so much more to me because you know it was a fat chance that I would ever be cast on a show like The Biggest Loser and you know then once I got there I was the smallest girl competing against you know big guys in a game of percentages and it was a fat chance that I would ever make it to the end. But what I realized is that just because someone else says that something is a fat chance doesn't mean that it is. It just may be a second chance from God and for me it was the chance of a lifetime.

SSC: Well I have to say you worked really, really hard. And I was reading the book and I thought okay it's time to get back in the gym, but more than that I thought my work outs are really, really wimpy compared to.. I mean it is amazing how hard you guys work and you came very, very close to winning.

JH: Yes I lost the title of The Biggest Loser by eight pounds. And you know nobody likes to be first runner up, let's just be honest, and I didn't really understand at the time why God would allow me to lose by such a small percentage. You know I mean here I am, I was going to be faithful to Him and I probably was the only one who would have tithed that money, you know? And so I thought that He was going to let me win and what I realized was that His plan was so much bigger for me.

One of the reasons that I went on this show was because I was battling with infertility and the doctors told me that I needed to lose weight before, you know, I could have another baby. And so the whole time I was on the show I was struggling with my weight and saying, you know, God please help me to get my body in control so that I can have another baby. And of course Jillian didn't like

that because she was like “we’ve worked hard; I don’t want you to go and have a baby after we’ve lost all this weight.”

And you know unbeknownst to me, I lost the title by eight pounds but three weeks after the shows finale, God did something miraculous and He gave me that eight pounds back in the form of a beautiful, precious baby that I was able to adopt. And you know what’s so amazing about that is it wasn’t my plan but it was so much greater because the whole time that I was struggling to get my life in control, he was being formed in his birth mother’s womb and God’s plans for us are so much greater than anything we could ever comprehend ourselves.

SSC: And your baby’s name is?

JH: His name is Jaxon and its spelled J-a-x-o-n which means God’s been gracious and He has.

SSC: And your husband is here this morning.

JH: My husband is here, yes. You always have to have someone to hold your purse when you speak so I brought him. I’m just kidding. He’s been my greatest advocate throughout this process and it’s always nice when you have someone who believes in you unconditionally.

SSC: Well Julie thank you so much for..

JH: Thank you for having me.

SSC: ..everything you’ve done. And I just want to have a prayer a minute and then you can give her a big applause. Lord, You just shine through Julie so beautifully. And it is so obvious that You have opened doors for her because You knew she would be faithful to You, that You could use her, You can shine through her. Continue, oh Lord, to open doors. Give her platforms where she can speak of You and Your wonderful, wonderful work in her life. May we all learn the lesson that you teach through Julie that You are not mad at us, you are madly in love with us the way we are today. Thank You, Amen.

JH: Amen.

SSC: Thank you, Julie. God loves you and so do I.

ANTHEM – “Let the Alleluias Resound”

All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam. O praise Him! O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And people of tender heart forgiving others, take your part O sing! Alleluia! Those who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, we praise You, Alleluia. Lord, we praise You, Alleluia. Lord, we praise You, Alleluia. Lord, we praise You, Alleluia.

Lord, we bless You, Alleluia. Lord, we bless You, Alleluia. Lord, we bless You, Alleluia. Lord, we bless You, Alleluia.

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb, we will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the great I Am. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth. He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord above the universe all praise to Him we give. Hallelujah to the Lord of lords Who is the great I Am.

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son. And praise the Spirit, Three in One. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RHS THANK YOU TO DON NEUEN

RHS: And all God's people Wow! Thank you, Don.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – ROBERT H. SCHULLER

"Be an Up Person in an Upside Down World!"

RHS: Well, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2, 3, 4, 5. Is this 2010? Well this is the year I owe a lot of people a big, big, big super big thank you because this is the year, 2010, when I celebrate anniversaries. And I have to change that "I celebrate" to "we celebrate" because I couldn't celebrate the anniversary's that I'm thinking of without you because you are a very, very, very big part of it.

This year is the celebration of my 60th year as an ordained minister. Sixty years. I made promises to God when I knelt in the church and ministers came from out of the audience, some I did not know, but they heard a young boy was being ordained to the ministry and they came. And there were about ten or fifteen, I think. And they put their hands on my head and prayed for me. Thank you. I don't even know the names of all of them or where they are. But the prayers are still alive and that's the big thing that I've learned and that is that prayers don't have a life span. You throw them out; they never die.

Celebrate the 60th year of my ordination this year and that's a big one. The next is as big. It's the 60th wedding anniversary for my wife and I this coming June. Wow. Do I have good news for you today? I do. Wow. This is the 55th anniversary of the founding of this church. It was 55 years ago I came at the age of 28, called by the great old denomination to start a church and make it an ecumenical community church. And I walked into a drive in theater about a mile from here at the time, and I thought this is a good place to start the church. I'll stand on the roof top of the snack bar and people can listen in their cars. I became a laughing stock, a butt of jokes, but today this is what lives through that. Wow. What an anniversary, 55 years old this congregation. Thank you.

Never dreamed that we'd become the first televised church service to the world. Yes, this is an anniversary. Forty years ago next week we launched the world's first televised church service that would go nation wide and world wide. Unbelievable. It would be so expensive; oh how it scared me. And it was the money that scared me, and that's where the anxiety still comes because the costs go up and many of my strongest supporters are passing on. And who's taking their place and how long can the ministry survive? It depends upon new people joining, making commitments, becoming members of this ministry by their financial support. I need help today like I needed it that first Sunday.

Forty years of television. Whom have we helped? I remember our 1000th telecast when all of the living United States President's appeared to thank you and to thank us for what we're giving to the world and that's hope with a capital H-O-P-E. Yes, this is an anniversary year: 60th of my ordination, 60th of my wedding, 55th of this church, the 40th of Hour of Power, the televised church. We've survived and with your help, we'll continue to survive but it can't happen without you and that's why I started this comment saying this is a big thank you year.

And how do I say thank you to people whose names I do not know, whose faces I will not see, but whose tithes and offerings are the power behind the work. How do I thank them? It's impossible. When something's impossible, I give it back to God. It's His promise to bless. It's the 30th anniversary this year of this Crystal Cathedral. September will be 30 years ago that we opened the doors. The

press was out; huge crowds were here to see the world's first glass church. Quite a Sunday and for 30 years this building is here, and how it's been used for Christian programming like the Glory of Christmas.

So as I go back those 30 years, money? We didn't have it. Vision, oh yeah we had it. People supporting us? You bet we did and many of you are sitting here today with your prayers and your tithes we launched it.

So this is a year of celebrations and I've chosen one line out of the forty books I've written and the two thousand sermons I've preached. Out of all those words that are in print I've chosen one sentence to give to you on this anniversary year. Here it is: Faith plus focus plus follow through equals achievement. I've lived it. It's worked. Yes achievement starts with faith, a vision and the vision has to be there. It has to come from God Himself. It has to come into your heart and soul so that you'd willing to die for it. I have. I've been willing to die for any one of the visions God has given me. Faith: what is faith? Faith is believing that something can come out of nothing.

You know it wasn't until the past year that I noticed my name in a published article and it said "Robert H. Schuller, 1926," my birth year. It looked like a bible verse and you know I told you a couple weeks ago I wonder if there's a bible verse 1926? So I looked in Matthew: there's a chapter 19 verse 26, there's a verse 26. It is "And Jesus said, with men it is impossible but with God all things are possible." Wow. I've been living under that. That's been my destiny. I'm destined. I didn't choose. I've been; pardon the word, predestined by God Himself to be who I am and what I am. Wow.

Faith: Get the vision. Who are you? Why are you here? What are you living for? What's the purpose? I'll tell you what it is. It's to be here this morning or listening to the sound of this voice because God needs you. He wants you. I need you. I couldn't do this work without you. Faith plus focus. Get the vision then don't get distracted by doubts or fears or anxieties or other good ideas. Most good ideas that are hurt and destroyed are destroyed by other good ideas that come in and compete. Focus: a powerful word. Faith and then focus and keep focused.

When you look at these anniversaries, you can tell I have been focused. Then follow through. Follow through obstacles, achievements, follow through criticism and complaints, follow through self-doubts that would tempt you. Faith plus focus plus follow through equals lifetime achievement! Wow! You become an up person in a down world when you have a vision and you have the focus and you have a commitment that you'd die for this work that God has called you to do. Become an up person in a down world. And then trials come, tragedies come. I've been praying so much for the people of Haiti as I've said and I'll say it again; I've never had to walk in the street and pass a dead body. Never. People in Haiti have been there. Where are you this morning? Jesus Christ came to be an up person in a down world. And He still comes to you and to me an up person in a down world.

You know Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote the words, she said: There are two kinds of people on earth today. Just two kinds. No more, I say. Not the rich and the poor for to know a man's wealth you first have to know his conscience and health. Not the happy and sad for in life's passing years each has his laughter and each has his tears. Two kinds of people on earth I mean are the people who lift and the people who lean. Which class are you as you go down life's road? Letting others share your burden and load or are you a lifter who helps others share their portion of labor and toil and care?

That's my message to you today. Become an up person in a down world and each of you can because I promise you every single person listening to my voice now

knows people that I've never met and will never know. People who need this message of hope in Christ. You are the closest they will ever come to Jesus Christ. I repeat that. All of you know people who are not believers and you are the closest they'll ever come to Jesus Christ. Now that's enough of a challenge for living. That's why you need to be an up person in a down world.

There was a priest and one of his parishioners were walking down the street and they saw a beggar lying on the side. The parishioner said to the priest, "God's supposed to be a loving God." The priest said, "He is." The parishioner said "then why doesn't God do something about it?" pointing to the beggar in the gutter. The priest said, "He is. He's doing something about it. He just called him to your attention." We all need to be up people in a down world and that begins by becoming a closest friend to the best person. We become like our friends, you know? That's why Jesus Christ if He becomes your friend and that's your choice and you talk to Him, pray to Him, you'll become like Him, probably without even knowing it but you will become an up person in a down world.

Let's pray: Oh God, thank You. You have a message for us today. It's a message that there are lots of possibilities waiting to come out of our lives to help people who need hope. And we're here in a place that You put together with a purpose; a purpose to take us and make believers and Christian living people. And so we give our lives, Jesus Christ, to You. Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – A Mighty Fortress/Great is Thy Faithfulness"

A Mighty Fortress is our God, our Stronghold and Protection; He is our Hope, our Friend, our Guide, the Giver of salvation. Our Lord is God alone, He made the world His own; He speaks and winds obey, He rules 'til endless day; His truth abides forever.

Great and eternal is our God, the God of all creation; He made the sun to shine through cloud, He formed earth's deep foundation. Rejoice and praise His name, His goodness will remain; With strong and guiding hand, firm shall His justice stand; His promise is eternal.

Great is Your faithfulness, O God My Father! There is no shadow of turning with You; You never change; Your compassion, it fails not: As You have been, You forever will be. 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, Lord, unto me.

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, Lord unto me!

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: If you're here today and you don't have a church home, you don't belong to a faith, you'd like to know more about the God we talk about and the God that's in the bible, and the God who believes in you even if you don't believe in Him, I encourage you to take a moment or two. Come to the front of this church. There are ministers who can talk with you, answer your questions, pray with you.

And I invite all the visitors here to join us out our visitor's reception in the welcoming center. That's the big round building. And don't forget to stop in the welcoming center where Dorothy and Julie will be autographing.

Now may the Lord bless you. May the Lord give you inner 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 stand before Jesus in that day in which for you there will be no more sunrise or sunset, only eternal life and light forevermore with Him. Amen.

ANTHEM - "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. If ever I loved Thee, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when my passing brings peace on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. Amen, Amen.