

## HOUR OF POWER OF 23.05.2010

### OPENING SENTENCE - RHS

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

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

VO: Today on the Hour of Power: Scott MacIntyre became world famous as a top ten finalist on American Idol and doing so blind. Today, Scott will tell you he finds all his strength in Christ.

SM: Music is always running through my mind and I feel like God has allowed that to totally compensate for my lack of vision. (SINGING) But the view from above is hard to believe when you're driving uphill on a one way street.

VO: Then Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman will lift you with encouragement with her message "You Are Number One to God."

SSC: Every one is of equal value to God. Every one is favored by God.

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: Welcome to the place that's open every Sunday for people to come and re-strengthen their spiritual life.

SSC: That's right, dad. Turn around and shake hands with somebody and tell them God loves you and so do I.

RHS: Oh God, its happening; before we could ask for it. We stepped inside and it felt good and so this is Your place and it's prepared for us to come every week and enrich the one and only earthly life we have to live. Hallelujah, Amen.

### HYMN - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God/Majesty"

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food. He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good. While all that borrows life from You is always in Your care and everywhere that we can be Lord, You are present there.

Majesty, worship His majesty unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne, unto His own His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified  
King of all kings. Jesus who died, now glorified King of all kings. Jesus!

SCRIPTURE – John – I Am - RHS

RHS: Now Lord, open the doors of our mind that great things can be felt and heard and as we are about to read the Holy scripture may we know we are listening to the word of God. Amen.

And our scripture this morning is found in the gospel of John. And these are the actual words of Jesus.

If you abide in my word you are My disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. I am the light of the world. All who have followed Me shall not walk in darkness but 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 any 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 they know me. I am the way, I am the truth, I am 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 yet live.

This is the word of Jesus.

ANTHEM - "My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives. What joy this blest assurance gives. He lives, He lives who once was dead. He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives to bless (to bless) me with His love. (He lives), He lives to plead for me above. He lives, my hungry soul to feed, (my soul to feed), He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, all glory to His name. He lives, my Savior, still the same. What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives!

INTERVIEW – SCOTT MACINTYRE

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RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER SM: SCOTT MACINTYRE

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RHS: Well my guest today is very special, very special. Let me just tell you a bit about him. He's been visually impaired since birth. He started playing piano, teaching himself at the age of three. Then he started taking classical lessons at six. He's since learned to play organ, guitar, bass and drums and at fourteen was accepted into Arizona State University's Barrett Honors College and Herberger College of the fine arts at only fourteen. And in 2005 he received the coveted Marshall and Fulbright Scholarships and was ranked by USA Today as one of the top twenty undergraduate seniors in the United States of America. And he graduated Summa Cum Laude at nineteen. National honors of America recognize outstanding students as Cum Laude, but those that are above that are called Magna Cum Laude, but the best in the nation are called Summa Cum Laude and that's where he ranked. He went on to receive a master's degree at Royal Holloway University of London England and the Royal College of Music.

He's had his struggles, his tragedies, his triumphs. He's a great composer, a beautiful musician. He'll be singing for us after the interview and the song he will be singing is a song he composed while he was in the hospital with kidney failure and possibly dying. He's got a story. Well his name is Scott MacIntyre. Give him a warm, wonderful welcome. Hi.

SM: How are you? Thank you so much for having me.

RHS: Scott, I notice now what exciting, alive eyes you have.

SM: That's the funny thing. Everyone comments on my eyes even though I can't see and I'm very thankful. I'll take your word for it.

RHS: Okay. Wow, well tell me you were here once before.

SM: I was. You know we go way back. I was here when I was twelve years old.

RHS: You remember that?

SM: I remember it and as soon as I came back this morning your voice just brought back all of those memories to me. I was twelve years old, I was a little shorter.

RHS: Yes, a little.

SM: And my voice was a little higher and it is great to be back.

RHS: You remember that event twelve years ago.

SM: I do. (VIDEO OF SCOTT PLAYING PIANO)

RHS: It was an inspiration, I hope.

SM: It was amazing and it was such a blessing to be here and I was over at the piano and you interviewed me just like this. It was quite a memory.

RHS: Wow. Now you really burst into the big time on American Idol. What made you go off and get onto the American Idol?

SM: You know it was a couple of things and a lot of you probably saw me on that TV show American Idol, a little show, you know. Yes, thank you. But it was really, it was a couple of things. I wanted to share my music with more and more people. I felt like I had been called to do that, but more than that even, I've always wanted as a performer, as a song writer, as a musician to do more than just get up here and entertain people and sing for people. I've really wanted to share my heart with people through music. And I feel..

RHS: That's called to a ministry.

SM: Exactly.

RHS: You are a minister of music.

SM: And there's so much that I feel can shine through my music and I feel like I can say many things in a song that I can never say in a normal conversation. It's like a window to the soul, you know? And God has done so much in my life, as you were just beginning to mention. I couldn't play music and not share that so going on American Idol and every CD that I've done, every performance that I do has always been about sharing my heart through music and sharing my triumphs over what I've been through in my life.

RHS: And the reason you are a success is because it starts in the heart, not in the head. And that's what creates sincerity.

SM: I believe that.

RHS: You bet. Tell me you're going to be singing from a new recording right?

SM: Yes.

RHS: Tell us about that.

SM: The song I'll be singing is from my new album, Heartstrings, as in the strings of your heart and the song is called "View from Above." And I wrote this song at a very difficult time in my life. I wrote "View from Above" while I was in a hospital receiving dialysis for my kidney failure. A lot of people know about my blindness from American Idol, but they don't know about my kidney failure and

I've been through a lot in my life. There's going to be a book I'm writing about four months down the road that will go into a lot more detail. But I was dealing with kidney failure for two years. I didn't know if God would have me on that for the rest of my life or if my life would be suddenly shortened or ended. I didn't know if I would receive a transplant and where that would come from.

And then August 2007 after two years of wondering and praying and hoping and just not knowing what was going on, the wife of my former piano instructor donated her kidney to me and literally saved my life.

RHS: When you become so successful, do you still practice piano?

SM: I do.

RHS: Every day?

SM: I do. It's like my, you know, it's something I have to do every day. It gets really tough for me if I'm away from a piano and then I start imagining it in my head, you know? But whenever I write songs, sometimes it's in my head, sometimes it's at a piano and sometimes it's in a hospital bed like that, you know? Music is always running through my mind and I feel like God has allowed that to totally compensate for my lack of vision.

RHS: You are a very strong believer as was I believe your mother? Your family and they're here today? I don't know if they're at the first service or at this service. If they're here, I'd like to have them stand up.

SM: They're here I believe, yeah.

RHS: You know you really shine with the faith. What are your goals?

SM: You know I am so excited because after American Idol I got to go on tour with the top ten from American Idol that year and we went through fifty-two arenas across the US and Canada. It was amazing. My piano rose up out of the stage every night and we tried to get that to work here and it didn't quite come together at the last minute. But it was amazing and just to be able to.. I remember I had my two year anniversary of my kidney transplant while I was on the road and we had crowds of ten to fifteen thousand people every night and I remember standing on stage and just thinking to myself this is such a blessing. When I couldn't even sit up to play or sing two years ago, to be able to share my gift in front of all these people was absolutely a dream come true. And the album Heartstrings has come out. I'm working on the book. So, I'm very, very excited and thankful.

RHS: Thank you very, very much. Thank you. Thank you. God loves you and so do I.

SM: Thank you.

RHS: Thank you, thank you.

SM: God bless you.

RHS: Scott Macintyre, Heartstrings. He's going to be singing a song from here now and we have it in our bookstore or you can get it through Hour of Power, but this is special.

SOLO – SCOTT MACINTYRE – “View from Above”

Feels like I'm running in circles inside my mind. Something is driving me deeply to keep on this time. So many places to linger but I forge ahead. One road behind me leads to comfort and safety; One road ahead could be my very best friend.

But the view from above is hard to believe when you're driving uphill on a one-way street. It's so hard to keep moving when only assuming the view from above, the view from above.

Showing severe dehydration my body's fried. Thought I was on a vacation not in a fight. I know my charted direction and I won't stray off of the path I know I ought to be walking, until I get there I'll be keeping the faith.

The view from above is hard to believe when you're driving uphill on a one-way street. It's so hard to keep moving when only assuming the view from above, the view from above.

Giving to anxiety, experience remorse. Gravity's objective is to dominate the score. Some of us aren't strong enough to overcome the force. We will climb this mountain and together we will soar to the view from above.

The view from above is hard to believe but the outcome is worth the shortage of sleep. The moment you see it you know why you needed the view from above, the view from above, the view from above, the view from above.

#### SSC THANK YOU TO SCOTT MACINTYRE

SSC: Thank you Scott, thank you so much and I just want you to know because I don't think you could see it but you got a standing ovation. We love you Scott and we're so grateful that you're using your gifts for the Lord. So one more hand for Scott, please.

#### MESSAGE/PRAYER – SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN

"You're #1"

SSC: Well first of all I'm a mother and I have four sons. They were born within seven years time and those boys today have grown into big men. They range in height from about 6'1 and 1/2 inches to just under 6'foot 8" and so one way to call them home is food. And so they know when food is being served and especially they know that Monday is my Sabbath and so the end of Monday I start cooking and I start baking. And the phone starts ringing around three thirty, four 'o clock in the afternoon, "mom what's for dinner, what's for dessert?" And then they come and they gather, these big boys. Usually it's two roasts, ten pounds of potato and two pies or two dozen cup cakes and they still fight. They still fight over the food. They'll sit there and they'll go "you know mom," and let me tell you their names first of all, Jason's one and then there's Chris and then there's Scott and then there's Nick.

"You know that Nick's your favorite. You're always bragging about him. Everywhere we go, we all talk about how Nick's your favorite." That's not true, that's not true. I don't have favorites. "Well Jason's your favorite because you made his favorite dessert. You didn't make mine." And then the other one will say "No, no, no Chris is your favorite because he's going to be a pastor." And they go back and forth. Who's my favorite? "You're his favorite, right?" Am I a bad mom or do any other mom's have that same kind of scenario where your kids accuse you of having favorites? Yes?

Well, the truth of it is we all know we don't have favorites. We love all our kids the same. All of our kids are favored, all of our kids are favored, all of our kids are number one in our life. And I really felt that God wanted you to hear today this message. He doesn't have favorites. You're all His favored children. And you're all number one with God. He doesn't love me more than you. He doesn't love you more than me. He doesn't favor any of His children over another. Every one counts with God. Every one is of equal value to God. Every one is favored by

God. All of His children are favored; all of His children are His favorite. You're number one with God and some of you are saying Sheila I don't believe you. I don't. If that were true we'd all be equal. We would all have the same income, we would all have the same blessings and none of us would be having.. I wouldn't be having more burdens and more challenges and more trials than this child over here. So obviously I think this child's Your favorite not me.

And we do the very same thing with God that my boys do with me. We accuse Him of having favorites when in reality His favor, our value does not depend on what we do, how good we are, whether we deserve it or not and our circumstances are not a reflection of His favor on us. His favor is that He loves us all the same. We are all number one with God. Don't miss count that. You are number one with God.

John 10 tells us that we are sheep, you and me. That's not necessarily a flattering thing if you look at sheep because sheep are slow. And because they're slow and because they have no defense mechanisms: they don't have sharp teeth, they don't have sharp claws, they have no camouflage to protect them. They are completely susceptible and because they're so susceptible to predators who can attack them and turn them into mince meat, literally, they are subject to, very, very dependant because they're so vulnerable; they are dependant on their shepherd.

So we are the sheep. That's what John 10 tells us. You and me we're sheep. But God says "I am the shepherd." Jesus actually said it because Jesus was God. He equated himself with God the Father. He said "I am the shepherd." And shepherds are strong, they're steadfast, they're sure. And you can count on your shepherd. John 10 says that we sheep it's really important for us to be able to recognize the voice of our shepherd because we don't want to be following the wrong person. We don't want to be going down the road after the wrong shepherd and find ourselves all lost. We want to make sure we're following the right shepherd. And Jesus says "My sheep recognize My voice."

Do you know how to recognize the voice of your good shepherd? It's really simple. The shepherd's voice tells you messages like this and I've learned them from my dad, they're the positive messages I've heard my whole life. The message is the voice of the shepherd says you can do it. Don't give up. You count, you're important, I love you, I care about you. That's the voice of the shepherd. Those other voices that say don't even bother trying anymore. You've tried and tried and tried. Give up. Just give in to the depression, give into the discouragement. Those are not the voice of the shepherd. Those are the voice of the liars; The liar who wants to steal and take you away from your shepherd. So all us sheep listen to that voice and take that voice and say is this the voice of the shepherd or is this the voice of the thief. Is this the voice of the shepherd? You will know the voice of the shepherd because the voice of the shepherd is a loving, caring, positive, powerful, faithful voice.

At the age of forty, I went back to become a schoolteacher. Part of being a schoolteacher is you have to be a student teacher. And they put you under the wings of a master teacher for a semester. And I was going towards the end of my semester and my master teacher was in the teacher's lounge leaving me alone with the children more and more so that I could feel like I was the teacher. And one day I was sitting there in the classroom feeling very far away. Far away from home because I'd always worked in the church and here I was in a public school and I couldn't talk about God, I couldn't talk about Jesus and I was just feeling discouraged. It was a lot of work and I sat there at that teacher's desk and I was like 'Lord do You still care about me? Do You see me down here? I'm working

for You and I just feel so discouraged. I don't see any results. I just feel like hopeless and helpless and I'm just tired and I'm weary."

And I had just prayed that prayer when little Jimmy came up to me and he had a bell in his hand. And he said "teacher" he said "I noticed that the bell yesterday was broken" and it's true. We teachers like our bells to get the kids attention and the clapper had fallen out of the bell the day before.

So he came in and he said "my mom thought you could use a new bell so here's a new bell for you." This bell wasn't just any bell. He handed me this bell and I gulped because I had just prayed and said "Lord help me." This bell is one of our Eagle's Club Bells, one of our Eagle's club bells. God knew months earlier that Sheila was going to sit there in that classroom feeling really discouraged and God said okay I'm going to make sure that one of these Eagle bells somehow maybe through a garage sale, somehow but through Jimmy's mother to me on that very day. I had no sooner prayed that prayer and God answered that prayer. His voice was heard loud and clear through this bell. It said "Sheila I care about you so much. I care about you so much that I made sure this bell got to you."

And of course in public schools we're not aloud to read scripture or pray with the kids but the children came and they huddled around my desk and they said "Ms. Colman there's words on that bell. What do they say?" Well even in public school when they ask a teacher to read, we read. Because I knew very, very well what the words said on this bell. I said, "Well children it says this" and the words were for me as much as anybody. "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint, Isaiah 40:31." The voice of the shepherd; we just have to listen and He will tell us and He will show us.

Well many of us have been very, very stressed these days; discouraged, depressed, wondering, worrying, fretting. I've had my own moments. I have not been losing sleep as many of you have. I've been hearing about it. Sheila, I can't sleep. Sheila, I'm so worried I can't sleep. Sheila, I wake up in the middle of the night and I can't go back to sleep. But the shepherd provides. The shepherd provides. And the other day I was going "Lord;" in my prayer journal I was writing "Lord You know I'm really tired and I'm kind of worried about things." and He said "silly daughter, silly sheep. When you fret and you get tired that's because you're trying to do My job. You're trying to do My job. Let Me do My job and you just count on Me to do My job. Can't you count on me Sheila to do My job?"

What a powerful statement and I wanted to share it with you today because yes God is there. He is doing His job. The shepherd, the sheep didn't try to do the shepherd's job. Wouldn't they look silly with a staff running around trying to lead, trying to fight off a bear? They'd have no chance against a bear. And we are the same. We just have to be sheep and count on the shepherd to do His job, to provide for us.

I love this little song that was written years ago by Irving Berlin for White Christmas and Bing Crosby sang it. "When I'm worried and I can't sleep I count my blessings instead of sheep and I fall asleep counting my blessings. When my bankroll is getting small and I think of when I had none at all and I fall asleep counting my blessings." Do you know that the good shepherd, the shepherd has branded you? He's put His brand on you. Just like we had a working ranch right behind our house when the boys were little and we used to watch those cattle get rounded up. Those cattle did not like being branded, I guarantee you. But why did the rancher do that? Why did he brand those sheep? Those cattle? Because he didn't want anybody to steal them. It was his way of saying they belong to me.

Hands off everybody else - these are mine, these are my cattle. And as God's sheep we are branded and anybody comes and tries to steal you the shepherd says hands off, my sheep, get away. I'm here, they're mine. Go! You see because the shepherd is not this wimpy little pastoral type guy that we see in all the pictures, you know? He is a big strong dude. He had to fight with bare hands, bears, wolves, lions. David talked about that. David said I fought; I fought these guys. I love it when my son Scott, he's the tallest, just under 6'8" and he's been through the police academy. My son Scott is not a wimpy dude. I ought to feel really secure when I have Scott at my side. And when Arnold Schwarzenegger came here a few years back they asked for extra security. And so Scott volunteered and he stood out there with these ring of guys, big dudes, a ring to protect Arnold, the governor. And afterwards Scott came home after church and he said "that was the worst. That was the most difficult, the most horrible thing I've ever had to do." He says "I'd rather handle all kinds of bad dudes," but he says, "don't ask me to do security at the Crystal Cathedral ever again. It was the worst, the hardest I've ever done." I looked at him, scratched my head, I said "what? Why Scott, why?" And he goes, "the little old ladies." He says "we're in a ring and those little old ladies come up and they went with their elbows boom, boom there they went. And what are you supposed to do? You can't put a little old lady in a chokehold, you can't tackle her, you can't strong-arm a little old lady. They all got through. They all got through." Well God hedges us in and around and nothing gets through God.

And I just want to say today do you need a champion? Is your life so hard, are you facing challenges that you can't handle alone? You need a champion. I love the fact that I have a champion. And you know Goliath, that big old Philistine at nine feet tall, two feet taller than Shaquille O'Neal and he had a javelin! He had a sword. And he stands out there and he says I don't like the fact that all you Israelites are down here standing in line. We want this land and we're going.. he says so send me a champion. Goliath says send me a champion and all those Israelites are just shaking in their boots. Day after day he went out there and he ushered the same challenge and the Israelites are just shaking in their boots, shaking in their boots. Little David goes to bring food to his big brothers and he over hears the challenge and David very presumptuously says what's going on? How come you're letting this guy challenge and nobody's standing up? Don't you get it? He's not challenging you, he's challenging our God. He's challenging the Lord. None of you are going to stand up for the Lord? I will. I'll stand up for the Lord because he said the Lord saves and the battle is the Lord's. No armor, no javelin, just a little slingshot. You all know how the story ends, champion.

Several generations after David, David was the son of Jessie a Bethlahamite, David was the great, great, great, great, great, I don't know how many great grandfathers of Jesus, our champion. You see in a sheepfold there's three little short walls and a gate which is really an opening and there's really not even a gate there and Jesus didn't even say I'm the gatekeeper, he said "I'm the gate." Because He lays down His life at the gate and lets nobody over. Nobody in, no thief in, no sheep out. He laid down His life for you and you and you and you because you're favored. You're His favorite. You're number one.

Number one with Jesus in fact if you should get lost and if you should wonder away and if you should say you know what? I don't trust and I don't count on the shepherd and I'm going to go off on my own anyway. He leaves all ninety-nine of them behind to look for you because He loves you.

Today walk out of here hearing the message that God wants you to hear. You are favored. You're His favorite. You're number one with God.

I'm going to close with a prayer that I wrote that's in the Power for Life bible. Dear Lord, we come to You today in much the same way that sheep return to their shepherd. I have been stubborn in the past and wandered far from Your care. I've gotten confused and lost my way and been thrust into thorns that cut me deep. But today I run to You with arms open wide as a shepherd protects his sheep so You will lift me Lord above the overwhelming times of life in Your protective arms. As a shepherd guides his sheep, so You will lead me away from harm into the bountiful pastures with Your words in the bible. As the shepherd searches for his sheep, so You will seek for me high and low and finding me, forgive me with a merciful hand. Thank You dear shepherd. I will love You and praise You forevermore. Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – Hand in Hand Now Walk with Jesus"

Hand in hand now walk with Jesus, He will take your fears away; from the dark of error's shadow walk into the light of day! Like the bright warm rays of sunshine is our Lord who leads the way; He turns darkness into sunlight, for He is the Truth, the Way.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, Yours we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, Yours we are.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our lives now fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful hour of power. I tell you the world's going to be different Monday morning because you are going to be different. Every one of you, you'll be in a different place. But you've been in church today and it's going to show more than you know by how you work, how you respond, how you smile, how you encourage people and they'll say hey what happened to you? You can say I went to a good church yesterday. Yes, that's what it's all about.

So 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 your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there will be for you no sunrise, no sunset, only eternal life with Him in heaven. Amen.