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Go Out With Joy! (Robert H. Schuller)

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 we honor the memory and the passing of entertainment legend and dear friend Art Linkletter with one of his last interviews, given to Dr. Robert Schuller just this past December.

AL: Living through that first depression and there have been four or five more lesser depressions since then, since 1934, we have learned in this country that we come back. We do come together.

VO: Also today, the incredible students of the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School perform on the Hour of Power.

ENSEMBLE: Take my hand, take my hand, take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

VO: Also, you need to meet Tanya Unkovich, who fell into the loving arms of God as she was losing her husband to incurable cancer.

RHS: If Phil were here today, what would he like to talk about? What would he like to say?

TU: What would he say? Well he would probably put his hand on your back and he'd say brother, never give up. Never give up on faith, never give up on hope, never give up on the power of prayer.

VO: Then stay tuned as Dr. Robert Schuller reminds you that no matter what your circumstances are today, you can go out with joy.

RHS: What a friend we have in Jesus; all our sins and grief's to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to Him in prayer.

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 & AUDIENCE: Good morning!

RHS: Welcome to God's house.

SSC: Wow.

RHS: Turn to someone and give them the greeting, God loves you and so do I.

SSC: We want to thank you today, thank you to our Crystal Cathedral Academy High School choir and band, under the direction of Miss Anna DeLeon, Marco Mejia and Carol Aspling. We are being led in worship today by our students. They traveled all the way from across the street. So they are a true blessing for us this morning.

RHS: So this is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

So Lord, thank You for over 2000 years believers have gathered every Sabbath, once a week to thank You that they've lived another seven days, that they have been protected for another seven days, and that they have not been left without love close to them. And so Lord, this is the day we rejoice, we are glad for we are Your children, amen.

HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature; Son of God and God the Son. Truly I love Him, truly I serve Him, Light of my soul, my joy, my all.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer He makes my sorrowing spirit sing.

You are fairer still, today. You are fairer still, today. Precious Jesus, Lord, You are adored as we worship, as we worship. You are fairer still, today. You are fairer still, today. Precious Jesus, Lord, You are adored as we worship, as we worship.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations; Son of God and God the Son. Glory and honor, praise, adoration to Christ the Lord forevermore.

You are fairer still, today. You are fairer still, today. Precious Jesus, Lord, You are adored as we worship, as we worship. You are fairer still, today. You are fairer still, today. Precious Jesus, Lord, You are adored as we worship, as we worship.

Truly I love Him, truly I serve Him, Light of my soul, my joy, my all.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING - SSC

SSC: Thank you. Congregation, you may be seated. Today, our scripture reading will be provided by one of our graduating high school seniors, Narah Jayasekera. And Narah is going on to California State University to study political science. She's been with our school since 7th grade. She's an amazing girl. I have learned to really admire Narah. Narah, come and read God's word for us this morning.

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23 – Narah Jayasekera

NJ: Hear these beautiful words from Psalm 23 as King David reminds us of God's faithful and intimate care of His people.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil and my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is the word of the Lord.

MUSICAL GUEST – CCHA VOCAL ENSEMBLE - "Precious Lord"

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night; Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, take my hand, take my hand, Lord and lead me home.

When my way grows drear Precious Lord linger near. When my life is almost gone at the river (river), Lord, I stand. Guide my feet and hold my hand, take my hand, take my hand, take my hand, Lord and lead me home.

SSC THANK YOU TO CCHS ENSEMBLE

SSC: Thank you Crystal Cathedral High School Vocal Ensemble. Daniel, raise your hand. He directed that; directed by a student, a junior in high school. What impresses me the most about these young people is that they're using their talents for the Lord to help lead us in worship and to know God's presence ever more and more and deeper and deeper. Amazing, amazing. It gives me so much hope for the future.

VO TO INTERVIEW SEGMENT

VO: And now, join us for a special interview on the Hour of Power to honor the memory of entertainment legend and dear friend, Art Linkletter.

INTERVIEW – ART LINKLETTER

RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER AL: ART LINKLETTER

RHS: Well if you think Oprah Winfrey is a star today, her ratings don't match what Art Linkletter had in his lifetime. He set records in listening audience that have never been broken, and I remember years ago when he had his talk show, I wrote him a letter and wanted to get on it, but I didn't make it. So I'm getting even with him today. He's going to be my guest. And here is a book, How to Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life by Mark Victor Hansen and Art Linkletter. Wow.

AL: Well you're very flattering, course you must remember that I had three shows on the air for years and years and years. "House Party" for 25 years, "People are Funny" for 19 years on NBC, the other was CBS, and "Life with Linkletter" on ABC for 12 years. So you see I had many more shows than she did. And I hope that Oprah plans for the rest of her life to take advantage of this, as I have, because when I finished when I was 70, I have had the most exciting years of my life between 70 and 98. I've been a missionary, I've traveled all over the world, and I've been called that wonderful, wonderful title that I just read the other night: I was the Humanitarian of the Year and that is bigger than money, and power and everything else. Start the interview.

RHS: You haven't lost your leadership powers. It's true you were abandoned as a baby or a child?

AL: Yes I was born in Canada and my parents just left me in a little town of Moose Jaw Saskatchewan Canada. Maybe my father was a moose. And then from there, I was adopted by a Baptist minister who was a street evangelist with one leg, no money and no particular ability except to just bring a few gifts to our house from the people who gave it voluntarily. So I lived my first 16 years, I lived as a poor, poor boy in church basements, in rented places, we never had our own home, and so I learned to live as best you can under difficult circumstances.

RHS: At 16 you left home.

AL: I had graduated from high school early, I had no money to go to college, I had seen very little of the world so I set out to see whatever I could see. And I went away and I became a hobo. I rode freight trains across the United States and in both directions. I worked on Wall Street as a typist. I had become a typist because those classes were the only ones where the girls were. And I followed that up by coming back and studying English, and getting an opportunity to start radio and so I never taught school but I was an English teacher and psychology.

And I had no plans for anything, and I was washing the dishes in a cafeteria in a college and the phone rang and a stranger named Lincoln Deller said "Mr. Linkletter, I've been following your career at that little college in San Diego." And he said "You're an interesting fellow. Would you like to try radio?" And I said yes, I said yes to every kind of a thing, you know, in my lifetime.

RHS: Art, back in 1929, from '29 to '33 was the Great Depression. You lived through that.

AL: I lived all the way through it and I didn't notice it because of the way I had been living. The only thing I noticed was that everybody in the country, almost, was beginning to live the way I always had lived. And if you think this is tough today, and it is tough today, here in California the latest figures are 12 ½% unemployment, but in 1934, when I graduated from college, we had one out of every four men in the country without a job, 25% unemployment. And living through that first depression and there have been four or five more lesser depressions since then, since 1934, we have learned in this country that we come back. We do come together.

RHS: How did you get into real entertainment? You became and you were at your height, the most celebrated name, the most famous name in the United States of America. How did you get from nothing, nobody?

AL: Well, this invitation by the telephone from Lincoln Deller, a radio man in San Diego, he said, "Would you like to be a part time radio announcer?" And I said yes. I always said yes. So I went down, I didn't know what a radio announcer did. I hadn't thought of it and I hadn't dreamed of it. And I discovered that I not only loved it, but I had a talent and a talent that was God given, and when sooner you find out whatever your talent is, and the sooner you start doing it, the sooner you have a successful fine living, not with money or fame or power, but with a happiness of a daytime of jumping up in the morning and going to the job. That was talking to people without a script, without a program, without prizes.

The first shows I did, among the first ever done, was called the man in the street, where people just walking by, and I'd walk up to them, there was no prizes, there was no stunts, and I'd just say hello and we started talking. And that's what I can do. I can talk to anybody, I can talk to you, of course, but I can talk to anybody about anything. And then I finally, by luck I got into the business of talking to children from four to 10 years of age.

I got a couple of cards here, that I chose this because Christmas time is a time, and Thanksgiving, when the families talk about loving each other. I love you, I love you, so. And so I used to ask children from four to 10 what the word love means. I'll give you a couple of my choice ones.

A four year old boy says, "When somebody loves you, the way they say your name is different and you just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Here's a girl, age 5, "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Love is when.. here's Bobby, age seven, from four to 10, "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen." Isn't that lovely?

And here's a six year old girl, "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

And one more. Noel, age seven says, "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt and then he wears it every day for a month."

I was going to tell you story, you were going to ask me a question about how did I get into talking to children?

RHS: Yes.

AL: Ask it.

RHS: How did you get involved in interviewing with children?

AL: Funny you should ask about that. I was testing out a tape recorder, which was a new beginning thing. Everything was live but a new tape recorder at home. And I was saying 'how do you do? This is Art Linkletter.' And my five year old son Jack walked in from school, first time he'd been in school, first grade, and he said "what are you doing daddy?" I said "I'm practicing here, come on over and we'll start out." And so I said to him, I said "what are you doing today?" Well he said "I went to school for the first time." I said "how did you like it?" He says "I ain't going back." I said "why not?" He says "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk."

I took that down and played it on a record show in San Francisco, local show and a lot of other things he said, and a kid just talking to his daddy and the letters came in from all over Northern California, and I thought wow. People are interested in hearing children talk to their parents; well I'll talk to children.

RHS: Last year, you had a stroke..

AL: Yes.

RHS: ..and knee surgery only a couple weeks ago.

AL: Yes.

RHS: Which is why we're sitting down.

AL: Yes.

RHS: What's your secret of keeping going?

AL: Well, to begin with, I have had so many tragedies in life. I've lost three of my five children, and overcoming the loss of those children, and not being angry with God for taking them back too soon. And then I've had other dear, dear friends die. As a matter of fact, the days of 98 almost, almost all of my best friends are dead. And so you have to learn gradually through life that the tragedies and the opportunities are both coming and if you live with faith and you live with humor, and you live with curiosity and you live with the idea that you're going to make the best of everything that happens because that's what the Lord wants you to do. We're going to have our 74th wedding anniversary this thanksgiving, and the great thing about being old is that when your wife snores, you can't hear it.

RHS: Art Linkletter. One of a kind.

MUSICAL GUEST – CCA CHORUS & CCHS CHOIR – "Bonse Aba"

English translation: All who sing have the right to be called the children of God.

Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana. (Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana). Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana. (Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana). Kuba bana (kuba bana) Kuba bana (bakwa lesa), kuba bana (kuba bana) kuba bana (bakwa lesa) kuba

bana, kuba bana kuba bana bakwalesa. Kuba bana (kuba bana kuba bana bakwalesa).

Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana. (Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana). Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana. (Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana). Kuba bana (kuba bana) Kuba bana (bakwa lesa), kuba bana (kuba bana) kuba bana (bakwa lesa). Muyayaya, (Muyayaya, muyayaya bakwalesa). Muyayaya, (Muyayaya, muyayaya bakwalesa). Oh Kubana eh.

INSTRUMENTAL – CCA CCHS BAND – “A Childhood Hymn”
INTERVIEW – TANYA UNKOVICH

RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER TU: TANYA UNKOVICH

RHS: My guest today is Tanya Unkovich. She’s a beautiful girl, a wonderful Christian. Tanya was happily married, living with her husband Phil in New Zealand when on his 48th birthday, he got a telephone call. Changed his life. Set them on an Unplanned Journey, which is the title of her book. I’m sure you’ll enjoy it.

Well she’s flown in all the way from New Zealand at her own expense to be our guest this morning, and to share from her heart the story of faith and hope on a journey of triumph in life and death, so please welcome with me, beautiful, inspiring Tanya Unkovich. Tell us the telephone call on your husbands 48th birthday.

TU: We were about to celebrate Phil’s 48th birthday. We were with my mother and father, and he was about to cut into his cake. And we received a phone call that we’d been waiting for, for a few days now, and it was from his doctor. And she told us that the results of the tests that Phil had been having for the previous two weeks were actually cancer. Now two weeks prior to this phone call, Philip told me that he had a lump under his arm and he said it won’t be anything, but I’ll go to the doctor. And deep in my heart, I had a very bad feeling about this, so for that whole two weeks I had it is or it isn’t. So that telephone call confirmed for me that it was cancer.

RHS: Wow. And you’re in the house with your parents. What did they say? What did they do?

TU: Well nobody else knew about this. When Phil went to the doctor originally, he said this must be our secret and he didn’t want us to tell anybody. I actually couldn’t resist. I told three girlfriends because the pressure was too much. So my initial reaction when we got this phone call was of panic and absolute fear. So my parents were just astounded at what was happening to their daughter. They had no idea, so within a couple of sentences, we told them and they were in disbelief. Absolute disbelief. Not our Philip, they said.

RHS: How much time did you have with Philip from that moment till his passing breath?

TU: Only five months. Five months.

RHS: And how did those months evolve and what did that do to you and your faith and to him? Did he still have his faith strong?

TU: Our faith got stronger. It got so much stronger.

RHS: Why?

TU: Because we knew that our life was in the hands of God. And there was nothing else we could do but to actually hold our hand up and say Your will

be done. This was something that was far too great for us and we knew that ultimately God's will would be done and we just stood by Him the entire way.

RHS: Wow.

TU: We did get much stronger in our faith.

RHS: You have a beautiful faith today..

TU: Thank you.

RHS: You wrote the book.

TU: Yes. It was actually a book, though, that Philip wanted to write and he..

RHS: Before he had cancer or after he knew he had cancer?

TU: Once he was diagnosed, he started writing quite a detailed journal about his process and what it was like for him, living with cancer. And as the months came along, he actually started to express more of his feeling and his prayer and his talking with God within his own words. And on his death bed, he actually said to me "Tan, make sure you bring in my journal tomorrow because this will be good for my book." So I knew deep down that he wanted his story told.

RHS: So it's out in bookstores now I hope?

TU: Yes it is.

RHS: And you..

TU: Yes it is.

RHS: ..you flew all the way in from New Zealand?

TU: I did. I arrived on Thursday and I'll be actually flying home tonight, so it's quite a journey.

RHS: How did you know about us in America?

TU: Well we have the Hour of Power in New Zealand, and I watch the Hour of Power quite often. My mother watches it every week as she's getting ready for church, so hello to everyone in New Zealand, and its one program that I do get a lot of joy from and quite interestingly, during my time after Phil passed away, I actually had some quite inspiring words by yourself one morning. I was really struggling and I just said you know Lord, You show me what to feel today. And I turned on the Hour of Power and I don't remember what verse it was, unfortunately, I think it's in the book, but something that you said gave me incredible strength that day, so it's quite an honor for me to be here with you.

RHS: Wow. Wow. Well thanks to all the people who make this ministry possible. Tell me how have you handled his passing? He had some favorite words and tell me that story.

TU: All right. Well in New Zealand we call people either mate or brother or something like that and actually within a couple of hours Phil's passing I was at his bedside and I had a photograph of Jesus at the end of the bed and I would often say to Phil, "Phil can you see Him?" Meaning Jesus and he said "yeah, He's my mate."

RHS: That's good.

TU: And he often referred to people as his mate. And one day about twelve months after Phil passed away I was walking past something we've got called the rose gardens and my heart filled with sadness because that was a special place for Phil and I. It was where we actually got married. And I was talking away to Phil and I wanted to burst into tears. And at that moment I looked to the left and there was a car parked on the side of the road with a number plate and it said, "Jesus is my mate. Is He yours?" And at that moment I just felt this joy in my heart. My tears were changed to joy because I felt His presence so much and I felt so taken care of. So during his passing, since his passing I've had so many examples where

God's shown to me that I'm okay and I'm being taken care of and that there actually is nothing for me to fear.

RHS: If Phil were here today, what would he like to talk about? What would he like to say?

TU: What would he say? Well he would probably put his hand on your back and he'd say "brother, never give up. Never give up on faith, never give up on hope, never give up on the power of prayer." And he'd probably call you his mate, cause that's what they do in New Zealand. He would just try and instill in you every possible bit of strength to get through any trial in life without fear.

RHS: Touch her, Lord, in the tender spot. You know where it is in her heart, in her mind, in her memory system. Touch her. Thank You for her faith; it glows, it sparkles. And thank You Father for her witness, Amen.

TU: Amen. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much.

MUSICAL GUEST – CCA CHORUS & CCHS CHOIR – "Hope for Resolution"

Of the Father's love begotten e'er the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He. Of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed when the virgin full of grace by the Holy Ghost conceiving bare the Savior of our race. And the babe, the world's redeemer first revealed His sacred face evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him. Angel hosts His praises sing. Pow'rs, dominions bow before Him and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

(Sung in Swahili – English translation)

Nation, do not cry. Jehovah will protect us. Nation, do not cry. Jehovah will protect us. We will attain freedom. Jehovah will protect us.

Of the Father's love begotten e'er the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He. Of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.

Of the Father's love begotten e'er the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He. Of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see evermore and evermore; evermore and evermore.

RHS THANK YOU TO CAROL & CHOIR

RHS: Thank you Chorus, thank you Carol.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – ROBERT H. SCHULLER

"Go Out With Joy!"

RHS: One word: out. It affects everybody here some time or another. You're in - someday you'll be out. Or you're out - you were never in. How do you feel when you're out? I tell you I'm going to think about that this morning.

Here's the text that I leave with you. Isaiah 55 verse 12: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace." Where do you go from out? I dedicate this message today to, including two of my grandchildren who just graduated from the University. This is the time of the year when students are going out. They'll never

go back. You say maybe as a teacher, but then that's not the same person. They are different people with different roles and when we go out, we can never come back. We are changed.

I was taught years ago in seminary that it's impossible for a minister to ever preach the same sermon twice. If you did, you're not the same and the people who are listening are not the same. We're all moving, we're all on the go; slow or fast. How do you live with the outs of life?

Well first of all I want to give you four principles. Number one: you can go out with joy if you have fixed frame of reference. That means something is not going to change. Your values will not change. Oh you can change them but then that's your fault. It's your decision. Maybe some should be changed. You can go out with joy and keep moving through life from one phase and stage to another. A family now, you're married, and then a child comes and another. Then you become a family with children all living in the home. And then finally one leaves and another and before you realize it's what they call an empty nest, they're all out, never to return.

You can go out with joy if you have a fixed frame of reference and what does that mean? That means first of all that you have solid ideals and values and commitments and goals that you live with and will never abandon or violate. You know, you can be sure of one thing that if you begin to leave an ideal or a moral or a value or an ethics, in that moment you invite age to replace youth. MacArthur said it: you are as young as your ideals. You'll never feel old if you stay with your youthful ideals and goals and values and morals. I don't feel any older than I did when I was sixteen. I'm the same guy. What was a sin to me then is still a sin. My morality hasn't changed. My values haven't changed so at the deepest level, life has not changed. You can go out with joy if you have a fixed frame of reference.

You can go out with joy if you have a faith that is solid and never abandoned. If anybody picks up a faith as a child, develops it in the teenage years and then during adult maturity, as long as they hold on to that faith and don't try to chip it away or water it down or ignore it they remain strong. You can go out from one decade to the next with joy from your teenage years to your twenties, twenties to thirties, the thirties to the forties, the forties to the fifties, the fifties to the sixties. I've lived this so listen: the sixties to the seventies, the seventies to the eighties and that's where I am and through all of these years and all of these phases and stages of my life this joy has not abandoned one bit because your joy is tap rooted in the values of the faith and your faith keeps you young. You never feel old, not at all.

The problem with getting older has its problems. The biggest problem I want to say and this is not a sermon on this, I shouldn't mention it, but is the biggest problem with getting old is I miss friends. I've outlived a lot of friends. I think of them a lot, more than I know. When I hear a piece of music or see a piece of architecture or look at a book. But I still go forward with joy because the memories are there and they're happy memories and ultimately, as far as I can tell, the bottom line of living is called memories. And I'm looking across this great group of people here and the bigger crowd earlier this morning growing older. I'm collecting more memories and they're good. You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.

Where are the outs that we have to go through? For some of you a spouse is no longer with you maybe through divorce, maybe through death. Where do you go from that out? For some of you, your career is progressing, but now you're going to have to step aside. The company won't keep you when you reach that age and then you're gone. One man, whose name would be known by all of you but I can't

name it, said the toughest thing about having to retire, the telephone doesn't ring anymore. He doesn't get those telephone calls. Where do you go from out? This is a bible verse that God wants you to remember from now till your end. It's His promise you shall go out. You will. Every single human being listening to the sound of this voice without exception, you shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.

What do we need to go out with joy? Well we need to have that fixed frame of reference which is our faith. And if you have a faith that is positive it keeps you an optimist. Every new stage will have its peculiar blessings that you didn't experience prior to that. And the new blessings that are in each new phase are enough to keep you an optimist believing that God is blessings. That's how you can go out with joy. And you can go out with joy when you see a future. No matter what your stage in life, there's a future. And I can tell you as you get to the senior years and you look to the future, the future looks different. It looks different to me now then it did twenty years ago. In my case, it's very exciting because I happen to be richly blessed with five children and nineteen grandchildren and I'm looking forward and I see there's a graduation there, oh and there's a marriage there, and there's an anniversary there. How many of you do not have that privilege? But you do have your own future and look for it and you can find blessings waiting for you in the tomorrow's you've never lived before. So be positive, be expectant.

Yes, you can go out with joy if you have a fabulous future. And that everybody can have because you make the decisions of what you're going to do. You make the decisions of where you will live, where you are or when you move. You have the decision about what clubs you will join or what groups you'll become a part of. You have a future. Find it, shape it, mold it, make it great.

And you have a future if you have a friend. Yes the greatest thing in going out is not going out alone. And every person in the sound of my voice can have a special friendship with God and then you will never go out alone. Christ can be to you what He has been to me and what He is to me. He is my best friend and therefore I don't go alone. He is there ahead of me. I live with a hymn I learned as a little boy, "what a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to Him in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit. Oh what needless pain we bear all because we do not carry everything to Him in prayer."

I don't know where you're at today, but I have a strong feeling that people, not a few, quite a few sitting here and you've never really embraced Jesus Christ as your personal friend, Lord and Savior. I invite you to do that today. He is alive. He listens to you when you talk to Him alone. He'll walk with you through the good times and the bad times and most of all through the out times.

Come imaginatively. Let your soul come out here. Let me hug it right here. And as I hug your soul and yours, and yours, and yours, Jesus Christ is going to embrace you for He lives in me and He wants to embrace you and He wants to use me. Here I am, Lord. I feel You within me. Here they come from there, there, from there and there you come. Embrace Jesus Christ. He's alive. You can feel His presence in this place. Yes you can and you will be His friend. And then when the time comes and the bell rings and it's time for you to move on and you come to the end, you'll discover the end is a new beginning because every time you go out, you're going to be going in. Where? Depends on you.

Let us pray.

Oh Lord, here You are. And we didn't invite all these people Jesus. Who brought them here by the hundreds? Who are they? They're out but they have come in to a

place where You can embrace them and be their best friend forevermore.
Hallelujah, Amen.

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: And now may the Lord bless you and keep you in your going out and in your coming in. In your lying down and in your rising up. Now may He bless you in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears until you come to stand before Him in heaven in that day in which there is no sunset, no dawning, only eternal light and life with Jesus forevermore, Amen.