

God Watches Over You!

“Pastor Schuller, you saved my life!” Viewers have been telling us this in growing numbers over the 37 years we have been on television. It is you, our generous network of Sparrows Club members, who help make the lifesaving *Hour of Power* possible.

Two people who understand, firsthand, the lifesaving quality of this ministry are *Hour of Power* viewers Janice and Bob Larsen of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

“In 1979, my husband Bob was in Des Moines (Iowa) General Hospital after doctors told him that, if he didn’t have heart bypass surgery immediately, he would die,” says Janice. “But he was refusing to have the surgery.

“However, one Sunday, I walked into his hospital room, and he had changed his mind! He said he had not been able to sleep well the night before and had been watching television

“You saved my husband’s life...”

early in the morning. At 6 a.m., he found the *Hour of Power* televised church service and, after listening to your sermon, he decided to go through with the lifesaving surgery.

“Dr. Schuller, that day you saved my husband’s life, and for years I have wanted to thank you for the extra 13 years we had together, which included welcoming three grandchildren into our family.

“I’m enclosing a check to help keep your program on the air. Maybe someone else will hear you or your son, and his or her life will be saved. It’s a small thank-you for the great gift you gave us. God bless you both and, again, my heartfelt thanks!”

Stories like the Larsens’ reinforce

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Nearly 9" tall, the beautifully crafted 2007 Sparrows Club Fountain is the perfect addition to that favorite corner of your home.



You give me strength and courage!

“My son Charlie was diagnosed with autism two years ago. Your message about Joshua’s strength and courage a few weeks ago showed me that is what I need to have. Now, when I see my son struggle, I remember God’s words of strength and courage you preach on the *Hour of Power*.”

PATTY MYERS, WINDERMERE, FLORIDA

Right around this time last year, a nine-year-old girl came up to me and asked me what I was doing. "I'm reading a true story in the Bible about Easter," I answered. When she heard the word "Easter," she lit up and shared that, on Easter, she received gifts and lots of candy, but really didn't know why.

I said, "Well, Easter is about a Man who so loved all of us, that He gave us the greatest gift of all. He was willing to die for us because He loved us so much." Her eyes got wide. "But then, after three days, he came back to life again!" Her eyes opened even wider.

Then she asked me the age-old question of scholars, skeptics, and seekers: "But how do you know it's true?"

My answer to the girl was the same as the answer I've shared with countless others who

Not Seeing... Yet Believing!

have asked the same question. I explained that four writers of the Bible said that they saw Jesus after He came back to life, and that there were hundreds of others who saw Him, as well. They saw Jesus and believed, and many sacrificed their own lives testifying to that fact. And what is even more encouraging to those who didn't see Him then, but believe in Him today, are Jesus' reassuring words: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:29).

At this glorious time of Easter, I ask you to pray: Dear Heavenly Father, I haven't seen You in person, yet I believe. I know from the Bible, and in my heart, that You died so that I might live with hope. Please forgive my sins, and give me the faith to keep on the positive and productive path that You have drawn for my life, the one that will eventually lead me home to live with You in heaven, forever. Amen. ■



ROBERT ANTHONY SCHULLER



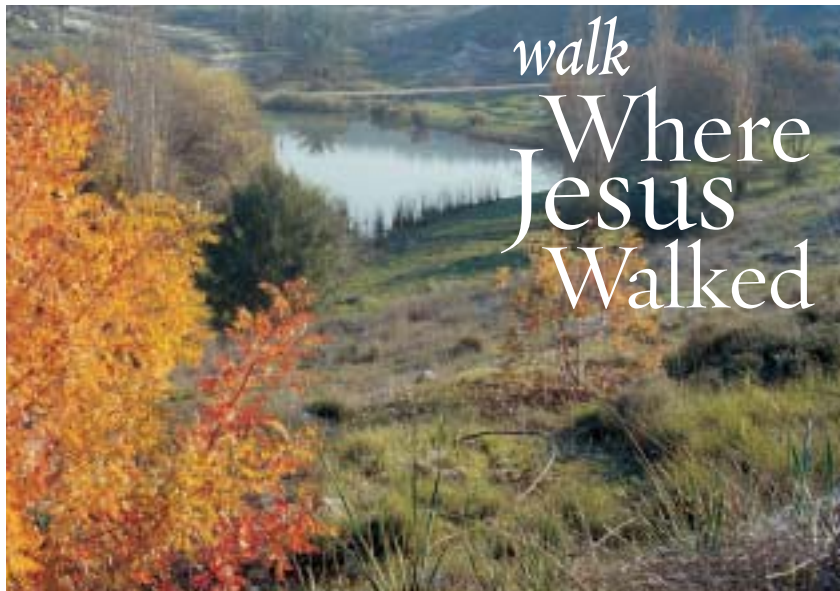
Your Faith Comes Alive as You Step into the Pages of the Bible!

As you visit Neot Kedumim, the 625-acre Biblical landscape nature reserve located midway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, you will step back in time and experience the Holy Land as Jesus did and as described in the Old and New Testaments.

Reading Scripture in this setting will add depth, power, and nuance to the Bible's familiar words. You can read the Bible anywhere, but only here will you be able to walk back in time and climb up a sycamore tree as Zacchaeus did in Jericho. Walk through the Land of Milk and Honey. Inhale the fragrance of the wild hyssop. See ancient vineyards and a wine press, and grind wheat for the "daily bread" as it was done when Jesus walked the earth.

The brain behind the project, Nogan

Join Robert and Donna Schuller for the trip of a lifetime as you...



Walk Where Jesus Walked

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

October 14-23, 2007

Call today for more information: 714-544-5679
hourofpower.org/events

Hareveni, is the son of pioneering Biblical botanists, and he spent his childhood along with his parents searching Israel's landscape for the plants of the Bible. Now in his 80s, he is still deeply involved in his parents' dream of a place where people could experience the native landscape of the Bible and its natural habitat.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity—only the second time in seven years—to "walk through the Bible," not only in Neot Kedumim, but throughout

Israel, with Robert Anthony and Donna Schuller, Bobby and Hannah Schuller, Ken and Pam Duncan, and hundreds of members of the Crystal Cathedral and Hour of Power global congregation. Walk, stand, and pray in the actual places where Jesus was born to Mary, lived His life, performed His miracles, died on the cross, and was resurrected—on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to the Holy Land! ■

Dear Sheila,

My daughter's husband recently received a promotion that will move them out of state. I'm just heartsick. I'm a widow, and they are my only family. I cannot begin to tell you how much I will miss them. Should I ask them to turn down the promotion?

Afraid of Being Left Behind

Dear Afraid,

Nothing is as scary as the unknown. You believe that you will be all alone if they leave you. The reality is that being alone is always a choice. You can choose to continue to use your daughter and her family as your sole source of companionship, or you can reach out to find other people and ways to fellowship.

This circumstance reminds me of an Easter

egg hunt at my parents' house.

As the grandchildren ran through the house looking for chocolate eggs, my son Christopher (then two years old) walked up with one of my mother's prized, antique china teapots dangling from his arm. "Stuck," he said. Apparently, Christopher had spotted a chocolate egg in the teapot and was holding onto it with a firm, fat little fist.

"Let go of the egg, Christopher," said Dad, but my son would not let go. Eventually, Dad held out a bigger egg and, as Christopher reached for it, the teapot dropped into Dad's hands.

I believe that God may have a bigger dream



for you that you can achieve only if you are willing, first, to let go. I think that if you allow your daughter the freedom to make her own choice, with your blessing, you will receive a new lease on life. You will discover that there are many ways to find new friends (like volunteer-

A New Lease on Life

ing or a Bible study), while keeping in touch with and visiting your daughter and family often.

In Christ's love, Sheila ■

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

On the tenth anniversary of our church in 1965, our loving congregation presented Mrs. Schuller and me with a trip to the Holy Land. It was my second and Mrs. Schuller's first trip, so we became excited as we imagined that, together, we would be walking where Jesus walked.

As we began to pack and plan for this holy pilgrimage, we added a daily prayer: "May we feel Your Presence in a special touch from You O Lord, as we



missing Bethlehem, Gethsemane, and the Communion service at the Garden Tomb, the mountaintop experience in my Holy Land pilgrimage.

"Then, a Christian Arab doctor stopped at my bed, accompanied by a nurse and interpreter. I was told that I was in a Lutheran Mission Hospital that was serving thousands of displaced Arab

refugees. I looked at this Christian doctor and his eyes became the kind eyes of my Lord. The healing touch of the nurse

May We Feel Your Presence

walk where You have walked."

Several weeks later, we were climbing the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross), praying our own quiet prayer to Jesus, our crucified Lord. However, suddenly, Mrs. Schuller became very ill and was taken to a hospital. She tells it in her own words:

"I was a very disappointed pilgrim. God surely wasn't answering my prayer.

"It was a painful, hot, and sleepless night, with the continual groans of pain and distress drifting through my open window from the floor below. Daylight finally came. It was Sunday morning and my birthday. I fought back the tears. Today I would be

became that of Jesus. I knew then that my prayer had been answered. I had met my Lord and felt His Presence surround me totally and completely!"

As we celebrate our Risen Lord, please pray with Arvella and me: O Lord, how we thank You that You are not limited to a particular place on earth, but that through Your Holy Spirit living in Your followers around the world, You continue Your ministry of teaching, healing, and loving. Amen. ■

ROBERT H. SCHULLER

Arvella and I encourage you to join Robert and Donna, October 14-23, to experience your own touch of our Lord as you Walk Where Jesus Walked. Call 714-544-5679.

Ed Arnold Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Hour of Power volunteer announcer Ed Arnold, whose sportscasting and newscasting career has spanned many decades, and baseball-announcing legend Vin Scully (the voice



of the Los Angeles Dodgers) were honored with the 2007 "Lifetime Achievement Awards" during the Radio-Television News Association of Southern California's 57th Awards Banquet on January 27 at the Universal Hilton

Hotel in Universal City, California.

Ed is a Golden Mike Award-winning radio and television news and sports anchor. His more than 50 years on the air include long stints at KABC-TV and KTLA in Los Angeles. Besides his 37 years of volunteering at his church, the Crystal Cathedral, he is currently the anchor of "Real Orange," the Orange County-oriented news and public affairs show on KOCE-TV. ■

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SEVEN DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



THE GLORY OF EASTER

...the Greatest Story Ever Told!

"I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." —John 10:10

The Glory of Easter at the Crystal Cathedral comes to life for its 23rd year, March 23 through Sunday, April 8, 2007. Come experience the powerful story of Christ's last days on earth, His death, and resurrection, as it dramatically unfolds on the world's largest indoor stage beneath the 120-foot glass ceiling of the magnificent Crystal Cathedral. The living, flying angels will take your breath away, and the scenery, special effects, words, and music will transport you to Jerusalem at the time of Jesus.

For more information on this year's production, visit www.crystalcathedral.org or call 714-54-GLORY.

You gave me hope for a better life!

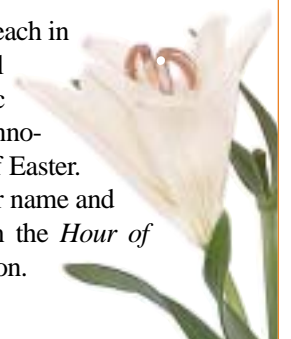
"After my divorce, I was devastated and heartbroken, and, with no job skills as a stay-at-home mom, unemployable. That's when I found the Hour of Power, and it was as if your messages of hope were written just for me. My eyes filled with tears as I felt God was so close to me.

"You made me believe in myself again, and I took a giant leap of faith, I went back to school, and now I have a career. I would not have made it without your weekly message of inspiration and encouragement, and teaching me to trust God throughout this process."

Kathi Swango
Cincinnati, Ohio

Be a Part of the 2007 Crystal Cathedral Easter Lily Garden!

The lilies you provide with a gift of \$10 each in honor of memory of your loved one(s), will fill the Cathedral with the beauty of these majestic white flowers, symbolizing purity, virtue, innocence, hope, and life - the spiritual essence of Easter. Call 714-544-5679 before April 10. Both your name and the name of your honoree(s) will appear on the Hour of Power web site following the Easter celebration. www.houropower.org



When I accepted a position at the Crystal Cathedral, the first words my Greek Orthodox mother said to me were, "Don't change your religion!" My response was, "Mom, God doesn't care how you worship Him, just as long as you do." That was nearly 10 years ago. Now she brags when she tells everyone where I work and says proudly, "My daughter can pray for you if you need her to."

The first time I heard Dr. Schuller preach, I remember him saying, "I'm not here to convert anyone; I'm just here to share my faith... I don't care where you go to church as long as you go." I thought that was the coolest thing he could have said.

Working here has not only strengthened my faith, it has also shown me how to "let go and let God." You can accomplish so much more when you let Him into your dreams. The best quote around here is, "Make your dreams

Irene with her mother Anastassia.

big enough for God to fit in." That's so powerful! How can you go wrong with that kind of thinking?

My position at the Crystal Cathedral is Manager of Creative Services, and most of

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL & HOUR OF POWER "Don't change your religion!"

By Irene Georgudios

my day-to-day duties are managing our direct mail program and our thank-you gifts that are sent to our precious donors.

I sure practice possibility thinking in this job. There have been many meetings during which I've been asked to: 1) create something beautiful with ministry that will inspire our donors in their daily home

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lives, and 2) get it here as fast as you can. I don't know how it happens, but everyone gets together and we

make it happen. I especially enjoy when Donna Schuller stops by with a great idea for a gift and we brainstorm together. All the gifts we create come from thoughtful planning and dedication to thanking the wonderful people who support this ministry. We know this ministry is here because of them and the grace of God.

I must admit, there are days where I look at my in-basket and wonder, "this is way too much work, and am I really making a difference here?" Then, as I walk to my car at the end of a hard day, I recall a positive comment we received from a viewer, or I see people with their cameras so happy and blessed to be here. Then I realize this is why I'm here.

Now, 10 years later, I'm proud to say I have two memberships: One at the Greek Orthodox St. Sophia Cathedral and the other as a Sparrow's Club member for the *Hour of Power*. Dr. Schuller affectionately calls me his Greek Orthodox friend, and I'm proud to say he's my Dutch Reformed friend. Though our "religions" may have some different traditions, we're all one in our Christ-following faith. ■

This Easter, Keep the Flames of Faith Shining Brightly!

Robert Anthony Schuller wants to send you this beautiful, lightly scented votive candle in a frosted glass holder to encourage you to keep flames of faith glowing in your life. Write for your candle today, and remember that any gift you include will help the *Hour of Power* continue to shine brightly into homes around the world every week. ■



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how important *Hour of Power* Sparrows Club members – 30,000-strong – are in providing the significant and essential funds needed to keep the Crystal Cathedral's television outreach on the air.

Like the dependable sparrows in nature, you – our valued Sparrows Club members – return every spring to support this ministry. Your individual gifts of \$300 a year, or 12 monthly gifts of \$25, work together to keep the positive, televised church service coming into million of homes every week.

This year's "thank-you" gift to you from Pastor Schuller is a beautifully crafted fountain that helps to create a serene and peaceful environment indoors or outdoors – a perfect addition to that "serenity corner" in your home or on your patio.

As you help to save lives through your support of this ministry, it is our hope that your life will be blessed in return. It is our prayer that you will feel God's love through this ministry and know without a doubt that, like the sparrow, He is watching over you. ■

Join the online Prayer Community today!

Prayer has always been a part of this ministry by mail, through the New Hope Hotline (714-54-HOPE), and more. Now, with improved technology, we have expanded our positive prayer community online. To get started, go to hourofpower.org/prayer where you may:

- Submit your prayer requests.
- Start a Prayer Journal.
- Respond electronically to others' prayer requests.
- Develop spiritual friendships with other participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.

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- **Convenience Gift Plan:** Save time and stamps with safe and easy electronic funds transfer of your donation to this ministry. Call 1-800-9-POWER-9 (1-800-976-9379), or go to hourofpower.org/support.
- **Legacy Gift:** By remembering this ministry in your will and estate, your name will appear on the beautiful granite "Millennial Memorial Wall" at the heart of the Crystal Cathedral garden grounds. Call 714-971-4126, or go to hourofpower.org/support.
- **"Walk of Faith":** Honor the life or memory of a loved one by placing a stepping stone, inscribed with name and favorite Bible verse, in the Crystal Cathedral garden grounds, which the proceeds will endow. Call Beth Muma at 714-971-4000.

