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DAVE GROTHE: Let's stand together. Praise the Lord. There we go. Good morning. Let's lift our voice to God and sing—in the key of E flat, Brother Wally—"With my hands lifted up and my mouth filled with praise, with a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless thee, 0 Lord."

(Singing) Let's lift our hands to God and bless His name. This is the day, Lord, that You have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. We bless Your name. We give glory to You. We sing Your praise. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Well, turn around and greet somebody and bless them. Say, God bless you today. (Response) (Singing "God's Got An Army") I'm glad to be part of God's army, taking His message of healing to the nations. Take your hymnal from beneath your seats and turn to page 224. We're going to sing it together. Page 224. "We've a Story To Tell To The Nations." (Singing)

RR: Let's just join hands with the person next to you while we're standing. Father, we do lift up that name of Jesus which is the name above every name named in heaven and earth. For God has exalted Jesus and given Him a name which is above every name, that at that name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Thank You, Lord, that on the last night of Your life You gave us Your name. For you said, "Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." Thank You, Lord, that You gave Your name to Your twelve disciples, for the Bible says if we continue in Your Word then we are Your disciples. So therefore, we have the
authority to speak in Your name and we do so today. And we bind every Satanic force that would come against this ministry, the university, the City of Faith, every outreach of this ministry, the lives of all of our students, faculty, staff, administration. We bind the Satanic attack and we pray for great victory today. And we thank You for this opportunity to join in a combined chapel service with the undergraduate and graduate students all together in one building. And we pray Your anointing upon Your servant as he brings Your word today. And we ask this in the name of Jesus, expecting and believing. And everybody said amen. Turn to someone before you're seated and say, Happy Valentine's Day. (Response) Give them a good hug, a good Christian hug. God bless you. You may be seated. And while you're being seated, here are the Oral Roberts University Singers to minister in song.

DAVID HINDS: Good morning, everybody. We want to share a song with you that says, "Jesus Is All The World To Us." Victor, can you turn the track up up here? (Singing "Jesus Is All the World To Me") Praise God for that. (Applause)

RR: Let's stand together for a minute. I'm asking Dr. Mike Miller, dean of the graduate school of theology, to come and to read our scripture this morning and to lead us in prayer.

DR. MILLER: The scripture reading for this morning is taken from the book of Psalms, Psalm 126, the Psalm of Israel's rejoicing on release from captivity. "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come against with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May God add His blessing to this reading of His Word. Let us be in prayer. O God our Father, we thank You that You are the God who always leads us forth out of captivity into freedom. You are the God who challenges us to be more than we can be, to do more than we can do, to work more than we can work and to win more than we can win. You are the one who brings us forth each morning, renewed, restored, ready to be Your people, ready to be on our pilgrim way, ready to face the challenges of the day, ready to be open to the new victories into which You will lead us, through Christ our Lord. We praise You for all of this, thanking You for the breath of life, for the sweetness of life, for the joy of life and for the love of life. And we thank You for this community of faith in which we live and grow and find joy and peace in one another, so that that spirit of Yours that comes to us day by day be among us, as together we unite hearts and voices in the prayer that Your Son taught us to pray, saying--(Reciting Lord's Prayer). You may be seated.

RR: Well, tonight is the beginning of Homecoming weekend. (Applause) Thank you for that great applause for Homecoming. Let's give Homecoming weekend a great applause. (Applause) All day long today alumni will be coming to Tulsa. Some are already here. In fact, the alumni board is already here. They are in session, executive session,
and they took time out to be with us in chapel. I'd like to ask the Oral Roberts University Alumni Board to stand. Turn around so everyone can see you. Let's give them a good welcome to chapel. Graduates of Oral Roberts University. (Applause) I'll be meeting with them myself this afternoon. There will be activities all weekend long. Of course tomorrow night the Oral Roberts University Titans are going to beat Xavier. (Applause) Is that right? No, they're not going to win tomorrow night. They're going to win Saturday night. Just wanted to see if you were awake. I knew that I wasn't. Now that I know I am, it's Saturday night. This is not Friday, is it? And the Lady Titans are playing also on Saturday night. Louisiana Tech. We'll have no tech-nicals. I'll start it before you do. In 1970 a young man from Dallas, Texas graduated from ORU. God gifted him in music, in singing and preaching the Word. And Don Haney is here today as a graduate of ORU to celebrate our alumni Homecoming weekend, and I've asked Don if he would be with us in chapel this morning and to minister the gospel in song. Let's give him a welcome. Don, God bless you as you minister in Jesus' name. (Applause) Bless you.

DON HANEY: (Singing "O Magnify the Lord") (Applause)

RR: Well, give him a good handclap. God bless you, Don. Praise the Lord. I also just received word that the ORU baseball team opens their season tomorrow afternoon. Does anyone--(Applause--Larry Cochell, are you here? Who do the Titan baseball team play the opening game tomorrow? Northeastern State. What time is it tomorrow? 12 o'clock? 2:30? Do I have 4:30? I've got 2:30. It's a doubleheader, starts at 12, is that right? And there's one Saturday.
Starr says 2:30. Starr, how do you know what time the baseball team—the game starts at 2:30. That's what the schedule says. Well, since when does Larry Cochell follow the schedule? Larry, where are you? Larry Cochell, are you in the building? Give him a chapel absence. Where are you, Larry? Mark him down, unless he’s recruiting, unless he’s recruiting. If he’s not recruiting, give him a chapel absence. Jack Wallace. Yeah, where’s Jack? Where’s Jack Wallace? Give Jack a double cut. Yes. I know Jack is not out recruiting. Where’s—he’s at the City of Faith? Jack’s sister is having surgery at the City—let’s just stretch our hands out and pray for her if she’s down at the City of Faith. No, it’s not his sister? It’s Jack? Come down here a minute. Let’s find out. Come on, Brew, come down here and find out what it is. Just find out what it is. Come on here. What is it with Jack? (He’s to go in this afternoon.) What now? (He’s already checked into the hospital and they’re going to do some exploratory surgery on him this afternoon.) Jack is, they checked Jack into the hospital, going to have surgery on Jack—not his sister—on Jack this afternoon. Let’s all just stretch out our hands toward—the City of Faith is this direction. I didn’t know that. I wasn’t trying to make fun of somebody. I didn’t know that Jack was having surgery this afternoon. Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we stretch forth our prayers toward Dean Jack Wallace who is in the City of Faith and is to undergo exploratory surgery this afternoon. Lord, we set aside a laughing spirit and we put on a spirit of prayer for this dear brother who sacrifices his life on a daily basis for us, the students, the faculty, the staff, administration of Oral Roberts University. We lift him up, in the name of Jesus. Satan, take your hands off and may the good work of the doctors, the nurses, the prayer
partners and this prayer bring about a great miracle in his life.
And, yes, Lord, thank You for reminding me of that. There's a
student, Eric Smith, on the basketball team having knee surgery. In
the name of Jesus, Lord, heal Eric through the surgery and through the
prayer and restore his knee. In Jesus' name, let everybody say amen.
Let's give the Lord a good handclap. Praise God. (Applause) Well,
today is a great day. An announcement was made on our Sunday
television program this last week and we set aside--thank you,
Bill--we set aside this special combined chapel service today so that
my dad, President Oral Roberts, could make a special announcement to
you, the students, faculty and staff of Oral Roberts University. So
without anymore to say, I will present to you the President of Oral
Roberts University, President Oral Roberts. (Applause)

OR: Praise God. Amen. I want you to stand a moment and pray with
me. I got a call this morning from our former chaplain Bob Stamps.
His little girl was in an accident and an eye is, she may be in
surgery this very hour. And we are going to believe God that eye will
not be lost. It wasn't injured otherwise, it was the eye. You all
remember Bob Stamps? Yes. (Applause) Yes. Praise God. Father, we
pray for this precious child, the eye, to be healed. In the name of
Jesus of Nazareth, and we stand now as a hedge around this child,
knowing there's no distance in prayer. And we receive this with this
family, our family. And everybody said amen. Thank you all and be
seated. My brothers and sisters, young men and women and my own peers
in the Lord, I pray that I'll be able to get through this brief
service in announcing a command of God upon my life, because it
affects your life in the most positive way, as I believe you will see
before we're finished. In a moment I'm going to unveil the painting of the Healing Center. We'll explain it to you. We're going to show how it will affect your life, how it would involve you in the Lord's work as never before and how I believe it will touch millions of people. I was awakened again and again last night because when the Lord gave me this, it was in a command. I know that God does not, seemingly does not command everybody like He does me. He never asks me to do anything—He commands me. And it becomes so clear that I either obey or disobey. I don't have any—well, I have a choice, you know, I can obey or I can disobey. And I know there's some people tell me that God doesn't deal with them that way and I accept that. But I can only tell you the way He deals with me. And last fall when this came, it was a command. I flew to Israel on another mission and there I brought this before God again and the command has been insistent. And I was awakened with it last night. And when He gave me the command, the most remarkable thing that's ever happened to me in my ministry happened again. When I began in 1947 the presence of God came in my right hand. It began to throb from my elbow down. And it became a point of contact for me as I began. I began at a time when there wasn't much on healing and it was an unplowed ground and nobody knew much. And I probably knew less than anyone, except that I had received a healing and had received a divine call years before but did not know when my time would come. When the time came the command was given to me to be like Jesus and bring healing to people as He did. That is, to use His methods. And when the Spirit of the Lord came in my hands, I simply looked at my hand. It looked exactly like it did always, but there was the Spirit of God in my hand. And the first one I touched was a friend of Evelyn and me. Her name was Irma.
She had had tuberculosis and had been recovering, having been in the sanitarium. But now it appeared it was coming back. And when I touched Irma Morris right here in Tulsa, she said, "What did you do to me?" Well, it was an unusual question. No one had ever said that to me when I prayed. And I said, "Well, I prayed for you." She said, "Something came out of your right hand into my body." And I said, "Yes, I realize that. I don't understand it any more than you do." And I don't understand it this morning anymore than I did then. But intermittently this has come in my hand. I never knew when it would come or how long it would stay. But it's been a point of contact and a sign that's helped me help the people. And many people have felt it a point of contact to them to release their faith. And when this command came, this thing in my hand, like a divine heat, came with such force. There's only one difference, it's been with me ever since. Every waking hour my hand is feeling this and I break out into tears. It's very difficult for me to talk because we're on the verge of the last fruitful years of my ministry, when I'm going to be able, by God's help and the people's help, to put into the world a Healing Center to complete the university, the City of Faith and our other outreaches, a living organism that will be here till Christ comes, till Christ comes, and in which you will have your greatest opportunity as a faculty member, as a student, to express your healing love. For we believe it's going to attract a minimum of 300,000 people the first year it's opened and then at least a million a year thereafter. Tulsa will become a crossroads of people who want to be healed. But in addition, it will be a conference center. It will be a convention center for Christian work. The Christian booksellers, for example, will come and great men and women of God will come in
crusades. I will be involved, Richard, my family, my co-laborers, everyone on this campus who feels concern for human beings. And people are going to have a place where they will know they will have the laying on of hands, whether it's by me or by Richard or my family or by you, something will be there seven days a week, 52 weeks a year and will be ministering to people coming from all over the world. When they come now, we can only educate or medicate along with prayer and we've never had a place where Oral Roberts would fit like he did in the big tent. And I cannot tell you with what joy we have built God's university and God's City of Faith. Nor can I tell you with what sadness I have undergone year after year while we've built what He commanded at ORU and the City of Faith, because I haven't had the opportunity to touch people as I'm called. I hurt. I hurt to touch people. I came into the world to take healing to people. And the healing teams are going to sprout. And those that are not in healing teams are going to have a tremendous opportunity. I'm going to read a verse or two and then unveil the painting and quickly go through it with you. You're the first I've gone through it with, except the television program. In Matthew, chapter 4, here's our Lord's life, beginning in verse 23. "And Jesus went about teaching and preaching and healing," preaching, teaching, healing. Say it. Preaching, teaching, healing. Say it again. Preaching, teaching, healing. Now say it very succinctly. Preaching, teaching, healing, "all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." And because of that, "his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him," because of the fame of the preaching, teaching and healing, "they brought unto him all sick people." Now where should sick people be brought? To Jesus. Now I'm a member of a historic church and expect
to be a member of that church till I die. I love that church. I'm an integral part of it and you're an integral part of your church. We don't interfere with the affiliation that each of us has with our own church. But in all the body of Christ there is something conspicuously absent, or if it's not absent it's partly absent, and it's precious. It's to bring sick people to Jesus, to Jesus, the Source of all healing. And who did they bring? "People with divers diseases, torments, possessed with devils, lunatics, palsy, and He healed them." And what was the result? And there followed Him great multitudes of people." What should people do when they witness the healing, preaching, teaching power of God? They should follow Jesus. Now what we're doing is not a sideline to Christianity. We're in the main line, folks, we're in the center of the stream. We're swimming up that stream, but we have something to give to the churches that we love, the body of Christ, of which we are a part. When I say something about the church that may sound negative, I don't mean it to be negative. I mean it to be constructive. I want to give to the church that I love. And I place the body of Christ above everything in this world. And now I would like for this to be unveiled so I can rapidly go through it with you and then make an application to your life personally. This is what we will call--(Applause)--the Healing Center. We had many names, but the original name that the Lord gave me kept in my heart. It would not leave. That's the way I test things. I don't just jump off the first time I get a word. It stayed with me. The Healing Center. It's the first time that such a healing center has been built since the Christian faith began the first century. So we're standing, I am at least, on holy ground. Right across the street on that 25 acres by the City of Faith, right in the
middle of it just west of the hands, we're going to build it, seven acres of floor space, 300,000 square feet. And here is what will happen. Right in the middle of it is a great atrium, something like this, only the atrium itself will be as big as this, with a Garden of Eden atmosphere, with running water and beautiful shrubs and birds singing and stars shining, to remind us of Eden, how God created us. And the lovely harmonious sounds that blot out the ugliness of the devil's work in human lives and that great atrium as you walk through it, you and thousands and eventually millions coming here to the Healing Center, to a convention center and to an entertainment center. It's going to have all of that. Just the atrium, the middle part alone will be worth the trip, to walk through and to go back and get a glimpse of Eden, of how it was when God made us in His image or after His own order, after His own order. Oh, I value man so high. Then there will be a very special place along in here where I will have a place to preach, to teach and to lay my hands on sick people. Not only I, but Richard, my family, various ones of you, faculty people. We have faculty people on this campus who not only can teach, but they have the power of God in their lives to heal the sick. We have students here who have the power of God in their lives to heal the sick. We have students here who have the power of God in their lives to preach, to teach. Or if not to preach, to touch people. There's probably more talent here on this campus, more anointing and more compassion for people than any similar group on the earth. And we've not yet had an opportunity to express all of that. And more than that, there are millions of people hurting and they want somebody to touch them. I'm one of them. I don't know anybody that doesn't want to be touched by love or by God's healing power by somebody that loves them. All of the gifts in our faculty and our staff and our City of Faith people
that are now being used are also supplemented by other gifts that they have that we've never had a chance to offer suffering people. And that healing center area, healing prayer center, will be like the big tent. Our big tent used to be the size of this building. It seated 12,000 people. And all I had was my Bible and my hands, my Bible and my hands. And now I'm going to get to go back to what I came in the world to do, my Bible and my hands. I can't tell you what that means to me. I helped build the university but you know by now I am not an educator. You know by now that I'm not a doctor. I'm just called to help build God's City of Faith and God's university. These are the teachers and the doctors. But I'm a man of the Bible and my hands. And after that, there's not much of me. When you reduce me down, just give me my Bible and give me my hands and that's all I need. And I want to do it so bad. And we're going to have a Seed-Faith Center that the Disney people are going to help us create scientifically. We're going to take the seed and trace it, not only through the Bible but in the earth. We're going to depict what Seed-Faith really is. We're going to do it scientifically and we're going to do it spiritually. We're going to show people that God meant what He said about the seed. Jesus is the seed of David and that's what God planted. And we're the harvest from that seed, you and I and others. That Seed-Faith is not a gimmick that Oral Roberts thought up, but Oral Roberts was blessed enough to discover some of it in the Bible. But we're going to have a whole demonstration room, not only for you but for the public and the thousands of people who will come and learn what Seed-Faith really is, both from the scientific point of view and from the Bible and then from personal experiences. Journey Into Faith will take my life as a little stuttering boy when I stood on the back
porch of a little two-room house where I was born and looked across and wondered what was out there and if I would ever amount to anything. We're going to tell that story of how God healed me and raised me up, and that if He can do it in Oral Roberts, He can do it in anybody's life. That's going to be graphically, dramatically portrayed. Then we're going to build a whole new television center, a total television center, and by that time we will have access to satellites we don't have now and to other television airwaves. Not only will Richard and I be involved, but we're going to find ways to involve this campus, the City of Faith, and we believe that we're going to project the healing power of Jesus to the ends of the earth from this new total television center. We probably will convert Baby Mabee into our own ORU drama center because of the parking and all of that. We're building a whole new television center that will open up onto this great atrium where thousands of people will be milling around and seeing and well, that's enough of that. But one of the most unusual things that He commanded me to do was to create a walk through the Bible. Most people do not know the Bible from the first book Genesis on through to the last book Revelation. They don't know the history. They don't know the thread that runs through it. They don't know the harmony of it. It's not easy to get, as you know. We're going to take about 15 major episodes in the Old Testament and we will put you on a floor and there you will sit and you will see this episode dramatically produced before you with sight and sound. And then this will move you to the next episode, until we're going to take you all through the Old Testament. So when you get through you will know what the Old Testament is all about and where it leads. Then we're going to present about 15 episodes of the New Testament,
beginning with Jesus' birth through His miracles. We're going to reproduce in drama form the miracles of Jesus to let people see by the thousands and millions that Christianity is a miraculous religion. It's a religion of divine intervention into our lives and it can change us. And when you see that and you feel it, I don't think you'll ever be the same again. And imagine what that can do for millions of people who have never had that encounter with the miracles. It's one thing to read it in the Bible, but another thing to see them. Right next to it will be the miracle drama center where we will be using various students and groups of the campus to help us produce these miracles. Some of them will be live. We don't know all the details, so don't hold everything I'm saying because we're still feeling our way some. But we will be close to what I'm saying. Then we're going to build an entertainment center, sort of a Star War situation. We're going to, well it's going to be a place where people come to be ministered to. But to those who don't come to be ministered to just for entertainment, we're going to entertain them. It just may be after they get entertained they'll want something else and we hope to have the something else available for them. We think people will come here a week at a time to take a vacation. You see, we can't open the campus to the public because you're going to university here. We can't open these buildings to them. We can't open the City of Faith just to the public to rush through. We need a special place for the public and thousands and millions of them over a period of years. There will be restaurants, bookstores, gift shops, and in the gift shop we want to bring from the nations of the world the various things that they make, so that when you walk into the gift shop you're standing in the midst of the nations of the world. Now
who do you think I want to run this? You. I want the ORU students to play the major part in operating this whole center, naturally in your spare time. And it will be ways for you to make extra money not far from where you go to school. (Applause) And it will be ways for professors to make some extra money. I know that we have not given raises for some time around here. I'm very much aware. I didn't get a raise either. But that's not as important. We're working on this. We have been through some cold weather and some tough times and we're better for it because we're standing for God. But I believe God's going to bring in the money. He's going to give us a time when we can properly raise salaries, we can take care of our people. Our faculty is high in my heart. I would choose them above anybody in the world. I fuss with them but sometime they fuss back too. And that's not bad either. So, but you all don't fuss at me, that's the nice thing.

(Laughter) Then we're going to have a marriage and family counseling center. One-half--(Applause)--one-half of the marriages in America have ended in divorce. That's one-half. A recent poll spoke of the other half that's still married. Twenty-five percent want out of that marriage, which leaves about 25% of fairly happy marriages. That's 75% in trouble. And that means hurting people. It's no joy, folks, to go through a divorce. It's no lark. Half the students at ORU are from broken homes. One-half. Anybody in the church who neglects that group of people is missing the Lord. It's not the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost for a marriage to break up. It just feels like it. It just feels like you've lost everything. They want to throw you on the garbage heap and kick you out. Well, let me tell you, when Jesus dealt with that woman at the well in Samaria who had had five husbands, when He got her converted He made an evangelist out of her.
I want to tell you, that's where I stand. I hate to see a marriage break up, but if it breaks up I'm not going to try to send them to hell. I'd like to, if possible, get them back. If that's not possible, then we're going to go on from that point. We're not going to throw them on the garbage heap. We're going to try to get God's redeeming power on that and let those people stand up again.

(Applause) Now I have no quarrel with people that don't see that way, but I happen to be in charge here and that's the way I see it and that's the way I'm going to pursue it. In the name of Jesus, I love these people because they hurt. (Applause) And they don't need any more hurt thrown at them from Oral Roberts. They need deliverance. They need help. And we think we'll bring thousands of these couples in here in the course of a year. We have tremendous people on this campus who can do things with them and for them. And I can be involved at times. Then there's a partners gallery. There's a permanent roll, a bug huge roll, on which every name of any person who sponsors one square foot or more, at $48 a square foot, that name will be enrolled. They will be on the roll. They will be a charter sponsor and will be on the roll the rest of their life until Jesus comes. Evelyn and I gave the first ten square feet. I know it comes as a surprise to people who say various things about me. I'm not a wealthy person because I have given my earnings. Did you know that most of the checks that come into our ministry are just written to Oral Roberts. Millions upon millions of dollars. I made a decision years ago that I would never cash one of those personally. On the back is stamped either Oral Roberts University or Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association or City of Faith, whatever it was. Most of that--you know, they talk about the big philanthropists who give a
million dollars or ten million dollars to do this and then they dam me to hell that I'm getting rich off the poor. Did you know there's a half billion dollars invested in this university, in the City of Faith, in all the things of this ministry? I raised every dollar of it. Most of it came in in checks in my name. Now the world doesn't understand that but God understands it. I gave, folks. You write a check and put Oral Roberts on it, I've got a right to go down and cash it and put it in my pocket. Just like you do if your name's on it, you can sign it and go down and cash it at the bank. I chose not to do that. God knows I'm telling the truth and that's what's important. So I don't have personal wealth. At the time that we wanted to sponsor ten square feet, which is $48 ten times, $480, Evelyn and I didn't have $480 free. I got down on my knees and I asked God to open the way for me. And I had two things on my heart. I had a financial need personally. When I say that, people just laugh. Well, you know, the truth is the truth. And the second thing, I'd been praying for one of my loved ones who had been at the City of Faith. But that last part of the healing just wouldn't come. And we planted that ten square feet to be the first charter sponsors. God helped us get the $480. In less than two weeks God multiplied that $480 seventeen times back to Evelyn and me for that financial need we had. And my loved one got her healing. Now I can't prove... (End of Side #1)... from a person in this audience. And if he's here, I may ask him to come up in a minute. I just got this. "Dear President Roberts, as I plant this seed, please focus your prayers on these needs. First, that I have correctly heard God's voice telling me to plant this seed of faith for what I believe is going to be the rocket that launches this ministry beyond even your greatest dreams, Brother Roberts. Second,
that the financial structure of our family will change so I will not have to borrow money for law school next year, my last year, and that, third, I never forget that what my life has and will become is because of what God has done, not because of what I have done myself. God bless you, President Roberts, and thank you for being, for having, yes, for having the faith to follow God's word and build this law school." And he planted three square feet at $144. And his name, Russell, it looks like B-r-e-h-e-n. What? Brehen. Russell, would you stand up. If you're here, would you come down. Russell, do you mind? Is your wife with you? Would she mind coming down too? I've not met these folks. I should have met every student I have. I apologize for that. I'm going to ask them--I've never met them, I've not talked to them. I don't think I met them. Have I met you all? No. Pardon me? I met your daughter. Well, that's-- I want to ask you--hi. Tell me why you did this.

RB: We've been having not problems, we've just not had things going the way we wanted to. And the past couple of months God has been speaking to both of us to change not only our lifestyle but change our dedication towards God and to realize that what He's got for us we're not getting because we're not giving, not only in money but in our time we spend at church and the time we spend together as a family and the time we spend individually praying to God and with God. And when I got the letter in the mail, the first thing that came to my mind was last year you stated that every time you go to build something you dig the hole and then you decide what you're going to put in it.

OR: I plant a seed after that.
RB: Well, when I saw this thing, and I don't mean this derogatorily, I want everyone to hear it, I thought, oh, here he goes building something again. And the first thing that came to my mind was, we don't need this, we need something for the law school or we need something for the schools or the City of Faith. And then God impressed on me, that's not my decision to make. My decision is to either support President Roberts in this because he's the man that's got to answer for it, not me. I didn't say I was going to build it. God told him to build it and it's not for me, it's not up to me to say that God didn't tell you to do this. It's up to me to pray for it and if I can to give to it, but not to put it down and not to talk against it. (Applause) And as I looked at this I thought of my mom and my sister who are not saved, who came down here this summer. And I was able to take them through the Prayer Tower and I took my mom through the law school and they were able to see some of the City of Faith and that was it. But they could not see what this ministry was about. They couldn't see anyone praying. They didn't know about the healing teams. They couldn't see anything about that. They couldn't see the television studio because it wasn't opened. There was nothing where they could really focus in and see where all of this came from. And when you think about it, we've got something to where people's minds can be healed at the university. We have something where their bodies can be healed at the City of Faith. And now we've got something where spiritually they can be healed every day of the year. That's why we gave to this.

OR: And you said you wanted the financial structure of your family to change so you wouldn't have to borrow money for your last year in law
RB: Yes sir.

OR: Does that mean you planted your seed for that too?

RB: Part of that, yes sir. He'll answer it, I know it.

OR: You mean you're going to go through your final law school without borrowing money?

RB: Yes sir, I hope so.

OR: How do you feel about that?

MRS. RB: I don't know. We'll just have to wait and see. The Lord will give and supply our needs and we're just waiting.

OR: Are you with him on this?

MRS. RB: All the way.

OR: All the way?

MRS. RB: All the way. (Applause)

OR: Thank you all very much. Now the response that is coming in from my partners dates from Sunday morning from the television program.
The letter went out a few days before. It's too early to tell. The best we can tell, there's more enthusiasm in the letters I am getting concerning it than anything I've ever built. I went to Oklahoma Baptist University as a young man and one of my classmates was a young lady that was in our church. Her name is Ruby Kay. I got her note and she said, "Oral, there you go again." And she said, "Everything you've ever done I've always put in $5 or $10 or $100 and I've never regretted, helping you build ORU, helping you build the City of Faith, the television work. But this one got me right inside." She said, "This one is right because I was back there when you were praying about entering the healing ministry." So she's sponsoring one square foot of $48 and later she said, "If I'm blessed I'm going to plant another seed." I'd like to suggest that each of the 32 in the wings, that you get together and pray about what you as individuals will do, but your wing will do. And that the faculty and the others, without feeling compulsion from me. I really don't want you to do something just because I say so. I mean that. I know I'm going to have a struggle but I know this is the most important building I will ever have built in my life. It's going to touch more people. It's going to cause ORU to have the greatest strength it's ever had. If a million families come in here over the course of the year, you can imagine what's going to happen at ORU and to the City of Faith. I mean by that, strength, plus we'll get to minister and plant seeds into their lives. I've been praying that there would be 10,000 square of the 300,000 square feet. I believe that would be 1%, 10,000 square feet out of 300,000 square feet? Huh? 3%. Well, anyway, it's a percent. That if all of us in the next 30 days could give 10,000 square feet, from one square foot on up, we'd plant the first big seed
against our own needs for our own blessing and do as we feel led. If your wings feel like it, if you don't, don't do anything. But if you feel like it, why you do it. One square foot is $48. And the only reason we can build it for that small price, we're going to buy the materials direct. We're going to build it ourselves. We're not going to borrow one dollar on high interest rates. If we run out of money we'll just shut 'er down. We will not borrow money. The devil will not take it away. (Applause) Now, young people, we don't have any money but we don't owe any money. No one can take ORU away from us, or the City of Faith away from us. We don't owe a dollar to anybody on this earth. We're not going to owe any money on the Healing Center. (Applause) And we're praying that everybody in this room will be out of debt except for maybe your home or something like that and eventually, soon you'll be out of debt on that. I believe God wants to prosper His people. Can you buy what I'm saying on that? Would you stretch your hand out now with me and pray a prayer. In April we intend to drive the piers as the money comes in. We have no way yet of knowing just how the money will come in, but we know this, that as the people get behind this they will give more to ORU, more to the City of Faith. It will be a great strength. I'm going to ask Brother Mike Miller, who read the scripture, to come over and lead the prayer. Mike, I really love you. I appreciate you. I appreciate all of you.

MM: Thank You, Lord, for the vision that You have raised up before us. And thank You for this man who has followed Your word and Your way and Your will, who has walked along the path of leading out in the healing ministry, the ministry that You gave us through Christ our
Lord. I pray now that as this center for healing is raised up that it will be a place of blessing, of hope, of renewal of life, of strengthening of marriages, of reaching out to hurting people who will come here from around the world, that it may be a place where they will come and see the great drama of this creation that You have laid out before us in Your Holy Scripture, that we may sense the majesty of that creation, that we may sense Your moving power through Your Holy Spirit in the midst of that creation and that in a special way we will be stronger, better able to be Your people, better able to be witnesses for You, for the glory of Your kingdom that is coming among us even now and will come in fullness in Your own time. Through Christ our Lord and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, amen.

OR: Thank you for that. Remain for about two minutes please. Before we leave today, if you have time, I hope you'll come up and study it. I'd like to make an announcement concerning our chapels. I've not yet the privilege of being in but one or two chapels this semester, and I want you to know why. Faculty and young men and women, as much as I want to lay hands on the sick and preach, which is where my heart is, in order to keep all this going, there's not enough hours in a day. I've had to travel. I've been in Phoenix preaching to ministers groups. I've been with my partners. I've been with my mail. I literally haven't had any time, because if I slack off, you know what happens. It takes money to run God's work. And I appreciate all you're doing to help with your tuition, room and board and other things that you do that I don't even know anything about but God knows. Unless Oral Roberts and Richard Roberts are out there before the people, this thing suffers. So I haven't got to do what,
everything I wanted to do. But I want to be in more of the chapels and I've missed it more than you. Now on Tuesdays we're going to make a change. The Tuesday's chapel, just the Tuesday chapel—the Thursdays will remain like they are now. The undergraduates will come to Christ Center on Thursday. The graduate students will go by school by school in their own group to their chapel, but we're all going to meet together right here each Tuesday the rest of the semester because I've got to have my family together, got to do it. (Applause) So you get with it and we're going to try to make it the most exciting the rest of this semester we've ever had. Would you stand please. Thank you all for hearing me out. I'm praying for you. Pray for me. Thank you very much. God give you a great day. Thank you.