

Favor is the Reason – Bible Study Lesson

Exodus 1:8-12 (AMP)

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph [nor the history of his accomplishments].

9 He said to his people, “Behold, the [c]people of the sons of Israel are too many and too mighty for us [they greatly outnumber us].

10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they will not multiply and in the event of war, join our enemies, and fight against us and escape from the land.”

11 So they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with hard labor. And the sons of Israel built Pithom and Raamses as storage cities for Pharaoh.

12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, so that the Egyptians dreaded and were exasperated by the Israelites.

There is a word that can change our lives forever in one day. **We can't earn it. But we can qualify for it.** That word is favor. The Lord has made a promise to us to favor us, prefer us, empower us, to be everything He called us to be. Here is our working definition.

FAVOR – the force God uses to propel our lives past the limitations of background, resources, and connections that would otherwise keep us bound to our current position and station in life.

With this in mind, let's examine: **Favor is the Reason**

Ruth 2:8-10 (NASB)

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but join my young women here.

9 Keep your eyes on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have ordered the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.”

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

Favor happens when God raises up someone to become a problem solver in our lives. Ruth had nothing but an old bitter mother-in-law and a good work ethic. But, she was willing to be a problem solver for Naomi. **When we become a problem solver for someone, God’s favor will raise someone up to solve problems for us.**

1. Favor is the reason people solve problems for me.

Genesis 41:8 (NLT)

8 The next morning Pharaoh was very disturbed by the dreams. So he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. When Pharaoh told them his dreams, not one of them could tell him what they meant.

Genesis 41:12 (NLT)

12 There was a young Hebrew man with us in the prison who was a slave of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he told us what each of our dreams meant.

Favor happens when God whispers our name to people capable of blessing us, causing a chain reaction of people whispering our name to people with the assignment to bless us. **When people bring us up, recommend our company, and ask what we think it’s FAVOR!!!**

2. Favor is the reason people recommend me.

Daniel 1:9 (NASB)

9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials.

Daniel 1:12-14 (NASB)

12 “Please put your servants to the test for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 Then let our appearance be examined in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king’s choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

14 So he listened to them in this matter, and put them to the test for ten days.

Favor happens when God uses someone in authority to bypass a current system or boundary for our benefit causing a light to shine on us and our current situation. **We must get used to hearing, “We don’t usually do this but.” “We’ve never done this before but.” “You don’t qualify but.”**

3. Favor is the reason systems are subject to me.

Esther 5:2-3 (NASB)

2 When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the courtyard, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the top of the scepter.

3 Then the king said to her, “What is troubling you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Up to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you.”

Favor happens when God uses a system designed to discourage us from asking, to give us an opportunity to be elevated to equality with those in authority. Here’s something we must know: **“No one is superior to us.”**
ONE SECOND OF FAVOR MADE ESTHER EQUAL TO THE KING.

4. Favor is the reason I’m not intimidated.

Matthew 14:28-29 (NASB)

28 Peter responded and said to Him, “Lord, if [a]it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

29 And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus.

Favor is when God does for you what he hasn't done for others in their presence, causing an undeniable and unforgettable experience talked about for days to come. **Don't hide, conceal, or dumb down the favor of God on your life. WHEN THEY SE GOD DO IT FOR YOU, THEY WILL BELIEVE HE CAN DO IT FOR THEM.**

5. Favor is the reason they saw me do it.

Make this favor confession:

In the Name of Jesus, I decree from this moment forward, I see myself the way God sees me. I am highly favored of the Lord. I am crowned with glory and honor. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am reigning as a King in life through the one man Jesus Christ the Messiah.

In Jesus' Name, I declare by faith that I walk in divine favor. I have preferential treatment, supernatural increase, restoration, prominence, petitions granted, laws changed, policies and rules changed and battles won, which I do not have to fight, all because of the blessing and favor of God on my life.

In Jesus' Name, every morning when I arise, I will speak and expect divine favor to go before me and surround me as with a shield with goodwill and pleasures forevermore. Doors are now open for me that men have said are impossible to open. No obstacle can stop me, and no hindrances can delay me.

In Jesus' Name, I am honored by my Father, as I receive genuine favor that comes directly from God. I am special to Him. I am the object of His affection. I am the apple of His eye. I am blessed and highly favored of the Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen