

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF FAVOUR

NOTHING YOU HAVE IS ENOUGH —

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PLACING YOUR JOY

Today, I would like to share something very remarkable with you. In the book of Luke 10, the disciples of Jesus returned and said, even the devil was subject to us in your name. They came back with good news, good report and so much excitement. They mentioned how great their lives had transformed; things have changed, and how they have now become powerful. Jesus said to them in verse 20, notwithstanding these amazing things rejoice not in your newfound position but rejoice because your names are written in the book of life.

You see friends, no matter what we accomplish in life, no matter what comes to us in life, no matter how far we've travelled ahead, there's only one thing that matters when it's all said and done- it is- how well did you serve the Lord. That's all that matters, no matter the job you have, no matter the amazing house you own, no matter the number of children that you have, Jesus said rejoice not in any of these things but rejoice in the fact that you are right in the centre of God's assignments for your life.

We often misplace where our excitement should be, replacing eternal responsibilities with daily aspirations. Until you place your joy in the outcomes of your service to God, life has not begun yet. Service to God must be a priority to your soul to truly enjoy His fullness.

BECOMING HIS FLASHLIGHT

All of us are used to the studio, we go there for photography; sometimes no matter how beautiful the studio is until the flashlight comes on the image, the beauty is not out yet. You see, you are the flashlight of Jesus Christ; you are that flashlight that shines on the face of Christ for people to see the beauty of His face. Keep shining the light of kingdom service, keep flashing the light of the Lord in the face of many, because the beauty of Christianity will not come out until the eyes of the Lord are flashed to the world. You can be that flashlight today that makes the image of Christ more attractive to people. I declare for you in the name of Jesus Christ from this day onwards your life will shine brighter in Jesus mighty name we pray.

I am appealing to you, to put kingdom service as a priority in your life. You see, no matter what you give anyone in life; until you give them Christ, you have not given them anything. Until you spread the word of God to everyone you know you do not love them yet. You show them love by showing them the right path that you have



taken. Now I am encouraging you today to open up your heart, open up your spirit and extend the love of Christ to everyone on your path, and become the flashlight on the face of Jesus Christ.

5 FINGERS OF KINGDOM SERVICE

Exo 25:23 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

It sounds so simple. You will serve and He will bless, but what these blessings are in our daily lives.

Your Bread

Your bread represents the things you daily depend on to run your life and meet your obligations. It means your active income, your salary income. The things that you depend on so much in your life- that is your bread. Everything will be blessed, your job, assignments, and everything about you will be blessed.

Your Water

Some can eat without drinking water, that is what the bible is saying, separating the two from each other, your water, and your bread. Some have bread but they don't have water, but God is saying to you, when you serve me I'm not only going to make you depend on that salary, I'm going to be bringing some wages your way that you never expected. Income that does not come from your daily stress, revenue that does not come from your daily assignment. God is saying from kingdom service, I'm going to pay you extra wages.

Take Away Sickness

Kingdom service moves God to take sickness away from the midst of thee, remember God did not say He will take sickness away from you but from the midst of you. God is saying not just you, but your kids, family, and everyone that in your midst.

None will be Barren

Again, God is talking about the assurance of your increase, fruitfulness, enlargement. God is saying, if you serve me, I have a program of increase and enlargement for you, I'm not expecting you to be on the same level. With kingdom service, there is always a guaranteed enlargement.



The number of your days you will fulfil.

The Bible deliberately separates taking sickness away from you and fulfilling your days. The two are not the same. We have heard and read about many young healthy people who die young. The guarantee of health and long life is not the same, but you have a promise of both by kingdom service. Please encourage yourself, strengthen your hope, strengthen your confidence in service, you are guaranteed to have the five fingers of kingdom service rest upon your life, and when that hand comes upon you, be ready for bread, water, increase, health and long life.

If the assignment of God does not stress/ inconvenience you, it would not bless you. There are the things you have to do and places you have to go that are not convenient, you want to speak to someone about Christ, it's not easy but you have to get it done. Why? Because when it is most difficult that is the time, you are closer to your blessing.

Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his glory, and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angels.

If you work for a Fortune 500 company, you will always be proud. Your God is bigger and better than a fortune 500. He is Fortune Uncountable. Some of you are ASHAMED of Christ because you have not tasted him, you will never be ashamed of an organization that pays so much.

THE POWER OF FAVOUR

Nothing you have will ever be enough to take you to where you are going to and that is why God made provision for everything that His children need and call it FAVOUR. Nothing in life is enough, your qualification is not enough, your friends, your access, nothing is ever enough.

I heard a story of a young man who realized after he got a quit notice from his landlord that his landlord never went to school while he graduated with a Masters' degree. You see, Nothing you have can replace the favour of God. Favour is what qualifies the little for a big surprise. When God's favour travels with you, He takes the stress away from you. You may be feeling you are lagging, but the favour that is coming will not only make you run but you will overtake. Until favour comes, the difference will not be clear. Favour pushes forward.



Deuteronomy 32:30 says "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up. The scripture says, two can never pull ten thousand when one is pulling a thousand except God is involved.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIVINE FAVOUR

You must be born again, and you must serve the Lord

There is no king without a kingdom. You cannot call yourself a child of favour until your father is a God of favour. It is a responsibility that you first take care of your household before others. You need to belong to the family of favour to enjoy one. I have prayed for you, I am believing God with you that if you have not given your life to Christ, you will say these words after me. 'Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I confess that you died and on the third day, you rose again for my justification. Come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour'.

Congratulations! Welcome to the family of God.

You serve the Lord

Psalm 102:13-14 Thou shalt arise, [and] have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

You see, when you take pleasure in the things of God, you get qualified for the Divine favour. Are you moved by the things of God? Get engaged in your local church, be part of your church history and story for God's glory. When God becomes your number one, you will always be number one before men. Taking pleasure in the stones of Zion means being involved in the things that build up Zion. When God decides that it is your time, even those who dislike you will have no choice but to align in your interest.

Luke 24:13-33 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem [about] threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed [together] and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. They were going on their own, Jesus came to them and started walking with them but their eyes were holding and they know him not, and he said to them what manner of communication are you speaking about. And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem,



and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And they rose the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered, and them that were with them.

From resurrection, Jesus did not appear to the eleven (His disciples), He appeared to the very unlikely man called Cleopas. In the same way, there are moments that God decides to walk into your life and qualify you especially with things you do not qualify for. This is called a divine endorsement.

Some years ago, we applied for a contract in our company, we tried all we could, but we could not get it. Somebody mentioned to us the CEO of a company, a multi-million airline company wanted to see us, then I went with my boss, the CEO came out to his waiting room to meet with us, as he came out, he looked at me and said 'I know you' I was so scared because I had never met him. He insisted saying 'I know you from South Africa, you were a meeting with us'. I said 'no, I was not there', he said 'no, do not tell me that, I know you, I saw you. Anyways he said let us get to the deal'.

We signed the deal and then we walked out. I was shocked and I kept re-echoing that I do not know him. My boss said to me, 'God must have put in the mind of the CEO a picture of someone he is happy with to grant us divine favour.

This is what happens when God decides to endorse you. One single endorsement from God can change your life completely. When God turns to you, it becomes your turn.

In October 2019 the Canadian parliament election was one of the most contested in the history of this beautiful nation. In fact, there were predictions weeks before the election that the prime minister was going to lose in the election.

The Washington Post had a scary headline for the Justin campaign organization. They said 'Trudeau's star is dim, and his political future is in jeopardy'. Everyone predicted he was going to lose. Few days before the election, former US president Barack Obama went on Twitter and tweeted in support of Justin Trudeau. That single tweet got 75,000 likes and changed many minds in support of Trudeau, and he went ahead to win the election with a narrow margin.

Friends, that is what divine endorsement does. Most times it comes from very unlikely sources or something you never expected eg people putting their integrity, career, and hard-earned reputations on the line to support you. I want you to



continue to have faith and believe God very greatly that divine endorsement is coming your way in the name of Jesus Christ. Also in Joshua 3:7, the Lord said unto Joshua that from this day I will begin to magnify you, meaning I will begin to project you, I will begin to endorse you. Divine favour activates your moments. Get ready for endorsements that will cover your weakness.

The Work of Your Hand

Psalm 1:3 says "and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper".

People endorse you for the things you do, so never sit at home not taking steps because that is your channel of favour at risk. I read a story about a young man; his name is Eric Yuan. Yuan applied for a US visa to come to the United States to join the internet revolution. After eight rejections, he finally received a US visa. Today, Yuan becomes the world's most renowned successful pandemic story, and that is the story of the man behind Zoom.

You see friends, the works of your hand are always the access for God's blessings. I want to encourage you to take that step, open that company. Make that step, do your job better because, in it, the blessing of God is coming in the name of Jesus Christ.

I read a story about a young golfer who was invited to play for a prince in Saudi. His name was Palmer. The king loved his game so much that he promised to send him a gift upon departure. The young Palmer thought the prince was going to perhaps send him a Rolex wristwatch so he told him not to bother. However, on arrival in the US, a few weeks later, Palmer picked up an envelope from his letterbox thinking his gold wristwatch has arrived but to his surprise, when he opened the document, he found the deeds of a property. It was a seven-star golf course. Friends, Get ready for favour as you work to improve your life.

Speak Favour

Speak the favour of God over your life. Psalm 35:27 says *"Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually..."*. You must say favour words continually. Wake up in the morning, say with a loud voice, "I am favoured, I am the best, I am beautiful, I am handsome etc".



Do not submit that application until you call the favour of God on it, speak the favour of God before you submit that proposal, speak the favour of God before you meet those people.

The story of Jabez in the Bible tells us a very significant event that happens in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10. Jabez was born to sorrow. He was named sorrow, but Jabez woke up one morning and said, oh that thou hath bless me and enlarge my territory. This kid spoke the word of favour into his life and became more honourable than his brethren.

Friends, keep speaking the words of favour over your life, keep speaking it over your wife, speak favour over your children, speak favour over your family, speak favour over your husband, that favour will come to pass in the name of Jesus Christ because inside your tongue lies the power to break impossible things.

Divine Connection

God's divine connection brings you across men and women that help improve your life. God reaches men through someone. He brings your way people that can foot that that bill you cannot afford, people that will say oh you don't have that money, I'm going to give it to you. I am encouraging you to seek great connections, those old friends, neighbours, colleagues e.t.c. You must be able to connect to people that can improve your life and enlarge your coast. There are people you meet that set ladders to greatness for you, they just set the ladder for you, and it's suddenly yours to climb.

In Genesis 8, the Bible says Noah found favour in the sight of God. Remember God wanted to destroy the land and everyone, but God did not only save Noah, but he saved three (3) of his sons. The Bible did not mention anyone else in the mercy plan of God asides Noah but the mercy on Noah covered his children and everyone in the ark with him. You need some Noahs' around your life to cover you against shame. They are sent by God to help you.

The year 2015 was very remarkable in my life. I got into the United Kingdom, not knowing the left from my right, I ran into a coursemate who needed someone to help him for a weekend in his office to sort some work. I went with him and the rest is history. Today, I sit on the board of two of his companies. Some connections come from God and set your life into destiny. Get ready for those.



There are times in your destiny that you just need divine connection in your way and suddenly you step into greatness. Make sure you treasure your connections because your environment determines your destiny. In the book of Matthew 4:18, Jesus met Peter as a failed fisherman. In Matthew 16:18, just two chapters exactly after, the Bible says- Jesus said to Peter, I am going to make you the Rock of the church. And so, by divine connection, a failed man became a major pillar. You need some connections that come by favour.

The South African 2010 world cup was the first on African soil. I wanted to go but could not afford the travel cost. The final was so remarkable that the referee became the center point of the game by sending many players off on red cards. My favourite footballers were playing and I wished I could be there to see the referee who took so much charge of the game.

A few years later, a friend received a letter in his company to nominate a speaker to deliver a speech at a championship club annual event in South Yorkshire England and I was nominated to go. After my speech, a young man shook my hand and said that was wonderful. Guess who? It was Howard Webb, that same referee. God through divine connection brought South Africa to me. There are places you will never qualify to enter but just one connection can take you there with no stress. Get ready, your dreams are coming true.

So, I am encouraging you today to never be part of bringing anyone down because every connection God brings your way is part of your story. You will always need men. Do not join people to bring your boss down. Life is like pages of a book, it keeps turning. Favour is going to come your way, keep being good, keep serving the Lord because greater things are coming ahead of you in the name of Jesus Christ.

I declare for you in the name of Jesus Christ that that connection that will come your way, unexpectedly but which will turn things around for your family is coming now.

Connect to serving the Lord, He will take care of you. Speak favour over your life and destiny, speak favour over your children, speak favour over your career. Pray for divine endorsement to come on you. Get ready for favour because your time has come!



The End

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