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The Words of Your Mouth *The Series* **FAVOR** *is in Your Mouth!*

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We obviously live in a day where it seems like a lot of things have gone off the rails.

2 Timothy 3:1 (AMP) describes it as, "BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]."

We know that describes what is going on around us...**HOWEVER:** Here is the thing...that is the description of the world around us...NOT US!

I know there are many of us in this sanctuary who feel like they are fighting battles today that seem harder than usual...you may be chalking it up to the end times...or even just "the battles"! I've got some good news for you.

There is NO WHERE in Scripture that says, "In the END TIMES the Word of God will NOT work anymore!" or "The end of the age makes the promises of God of NO EFFECT."

As a matter of fact...as we move closer to the END OF TIMES, we need the Word more than ever...we need to move closer to what the Word of God says, instead of further away from it. The Word tells us there will be a deeper and further difference between the world and the people of God!

As I was on vacation...I literally was trying sleep in the first morning (Sunday) and the Lord dropped Psalm 5:11 into my heart!

He emphasized in me HOW ESSENTIAL walking in the favor of God is in our lives...yet, too many Christians (even those who know about favor) get lax about it and fall into the trap of, "Well, it's a battle. It is the end-times!"

BELOVED: Sure, battles come...they come to all!

HOWEVER: Never forget... **WE ARE DIFFERENT!**

Psalm 5:12 – "For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

UNDERSTAND: There is nothing in that word, "favor, in the Hebrew that presents it as anything else but awesome...desires, delight, etc.

"Favor" – unfair partiality (treating one different from others); doing things for one that you don't do for everyone; Jerry Savelle, when everyone else says NO, God says YES!

BELOVED: Favor of God is awesome...it is ours!

NOTE: **"The righteous"**...those who are in RIGHT STANDING with Him. Those who are born again. Those who are in His lineage!

A while back, the Holy Spirit told me **that FAVOR is our heritage!** It is to be passed down from generation to generation in the Kingdom of God. It is in our blood!

The question is...why are we not believing for it...why are we not seeing it...**why does ANYTHING ELSE come out of our mouth in life.**

* "Well, I guess I expected that to happen to me!"

* "It seems like that always works out that way for me."

In the words of Joe Biden, "Come on, man!"

You are a child of God...God, Himself, intends on things working out for you that don't work out for any one else.

Psalm 30:5 – "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

(AMP) – "For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

YOU SAY: Well, that's not fair to others! I KNOW...that is the point of FAVOR...FAVOR is not fair, but it sure is fabulous and we need to expect it to happen in our lives...every day of our lives.

Three Things of Favor

Psalm 5:12 – "For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

As I woke up that Sunday, the Lord was impressing on me the importance of FAVOR...I obviously just recalled this Scripture and in about 30 seconds the Lord showed me three keys to FAVOR (obviously not the only three keys, but three keys according this passage).

1.) Favor is part of the blessing.

That blessing is what we get to live in as a child of God.

The Old Testament is chalked full of good things happening for the children of God and devastation for those who were not!

Deuteronomy talks about the blessing and makes it VERY clear that some people will enjoy life (the blessed) and some people will NOT!

Numbers 24:1 – "And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness."

Galatians 3:29 – "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

BELOVED: God does His children favors! Which only makes sense!

Balaam told Balak that when God has blessed a people it is impossible for anyone to curse them!

Numbers 23:19,20

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

BELOVED: That is us!

BELOVED: No man can reverse it.

Now, we have learned through this story that the only ones that can cause you to live outside the blessing of God is YOU!

Deuteronomy 28 tells us that!

Numbers 25 tells us that!

Malachi 3 tells us that! Tithing connects us to the blessing! Yes, tithing connects us to favor!

BELOVED: Favor is ours because we are His children! Not because we've been good enough. **THINK ABOUT THE** prodigal son! He asked...Dad gave! He left...things went off the rails! He came back...favor was his heritage!

2.) Favor provides us absolute protection!

"Compass him as with a shield" – that shield isn't just the small hand held one that was mostly decorative...it was the (at least) four foot tall shield that a soldier would be able to crouch behind when the onslaught of the enemy was coming.

ONE DEFINITION of FAVOR that I read today, "Support; defense; vindication; or disposition to aid, befriend, support, promote or justify."

Isaiah 54:17 – "No weapon formed against you SHALL prosper..."

Luke 10:19 – "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: **and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**"

BELOVED: No weapon! Nothing shall BY ANY MEANS hurt you! Nothing! **It is LITERALLY it is impossible!**

NOT your boss...Joseph had bosses who favored Him.

NOT your government...Daniel and the three Hebrew children saw that.

NOT sickness...we WERE healed (1 Peter 2:24).

NOT poverty...he TOOK our poverty (2 Corinthians 8:9).

No matter what is going on in the world...it cannot come nigh our dwelling place.

Psalms 91

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

While I laid in bed on that Sunday...listening to what the Lord was speaking to me about favor He didn't just say "Protection", but He said "Absolute Protection."

I mean spirit, soul and body!

Take a look at Psalm 5:12 in context (previous verses):

Psalm 5:10-11

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, **because thou defendest them:** let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Our trust and expectation is in the favor of God working for us!

Luke 10:19 – "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: **and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**"

Do we really believe nothing?

Which means...quit getting offended at people. Let them say what they want to say...they CAN'T hurt you...they CAN'T curse you!

3.) Favor is activated by faith!

Well...if it is my heritage...why isn't it working for me?

BELOVED: When shield is used in this passage...it clearly identifies why some walk in favor and some don't!

If you are not expecting it...if you are not believing for it...you won't receive it. It absolutely doesn't mean it is not available to you...**it just means it will be a benefit that is left UNFUL FILLED.**

THINK ABOUT IT: Let's say your job gave you a LARGE bonus...you've been working there for a while and when you've been working there for as long as you have...they give you a bonus.

QUESTION: Is that fair to people who have worked at other jobs and didn't get that bonus? It has nothing to do with those people...YOUR JOB put it in YOUR ACCOUNT.

So, you've got that LARGE sum in your bank account...you don't have to do anything and food will start coming to you...new cars will start coming to you...new house, etc. Right?

NOPE! You have to tap into that money. You have to use that debit card...GO GET the food. Use that debit card...GO GET the car.

BELOVED: Faith is the debit card of the kingdom...FAVOR is in your account...but if you are not using faith to withdraw it...it will stay in there unused!

One of the BIGGEST parts of faith (James says it is the hardest part of faith) is what we say. We have the favor of God in our account and we keep talking about how broke we are...how sick we are...how dangerous everything is...

Quit talking about the chaos of your life and start talking about the FAVOR of your life.

Talk about how you intend for things to be in your life...according to THE BLESSING, not according to the curse!

I am telling you...many of you think the FAVOR of God is a dream that you will never partake of...NOT because it doesn't exist, but because you keep talking and expecting the chaos!

EXPECT companies to work with you whether they work with others or not...and SPEAK IT.

EXPECT bosses to do your favors whether they do others favors or not...and SPEAK IT.

EXPECT protection over your home, life and family whether it appears protection is wide spread... and SPEAK IT.

EXPECT your bank account to be full, whether or not it is happening for others in your situation... and SPEAK IT!

Apply FAITH to the FAVOR of God in your life...surround yourself with FAITH...surround yourself with FAVOR!