

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- December 19, 2013
"The Favor of God"

You may not believe it but God wants to show you HIS FAVOR. In fact, Christmas is about God showing His unmerited favor to the world. God's favor is more than you would ever ask for; it is bigger than you have ever dreamed and it is beyond human comprehension. In fact, Ephesians 3:20 reminds us of God's favor: "To Him (Jesus Christ) who is able to do exceedingly abundant more than we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

God has already appropriated His favor for your life. He wants you to be the recipient of it. So take a moment to think about the unending blessings that the supreme God of the universe wants to pour His favor into every area of your life.

You may resist and declare: "But I have a not-so-good past!" But in spite of your past, in spite of your problems, in spite of your pain, in spite of your current state, God gives His favor freely and liberally. His favor will supersede your past experiences!

- The favor God gave David was a Goliath to kill. Whatever stands in your way God will cause it to be removed. Nothing is impossible with God.
- The favor God gave Abraham was ownership and possession of a land which was not his. In fact, as a foreigner, Abraham was not permitted to buy any parcel of land. It was the law of the land. But the favor of God intervened . . . and you know the rest of the story.

God's favor seems too good to be true . . . because it is! God's Favor isn't fair. We don't deserve or merit God's love and grace in our lives, but He gives them to us anyway. **Favor is an expression of God's love for you!**

Because of God's favor, you are not in a rudderless ship of life on a stormy river. Because of God's favor you can look at the snake (your problem) in the eye, transform its poison into a serum, its menacing look into tenderness and its bite into a kiss. Because of God's favor the coiled strangulation of Satan, the Serpent, will change into a tender embrace. In the end, you will be God's Winner! So be bold! Be strong! For the Lord your God is with you!

Why is God's favor possible in your life? It is all because of the Christ Child!

Have a Blessed Christmas from Barbara and I!

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