



## **The Favor Effect – Pt. 3**

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### **MESSAGE SUMMARY**

Favor is not a reward for good behavior—it is the unmerited, supernatural hand of God working according to the purpose He has placed within us. While salvation begins with favor, our journey continues through it. Using the life of Joseph, Pastor Ron showed that favor does not remove adversity; instead, it carries us through pits, prisons, and pressure into God’s intended outcome.

God uses environments—often difficult ones—to position us for growth, influence, and impact. Favor sustains us when the journey doesn’t make sense and reminds us that God is present in every season. When we understand that God places us strategically as salt and light, we stop asking “Why am I here?” and start asking “Who is God changing through me?”

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### ***1. Favor Is a Journey, Not a Moment***

Favor begins at salvation but continues throughout our lives according to the purpose God has placed within us. We cannot compare our journey to someone else’s - favor is personal and purposeful.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 2:8–9

- Ephesians 4:7
- Hebrews 4:16

**Discussion Questions:**

- How does knowing that favor is a lifelong journey change the way you view your current season?
- Why do you think comparison can distort our understanding of God’s favor in our lives?

**2. Favor Thrives in Adverse Environments**

Joseph experienced favor in the pit, in slavery, and in prison. God often places His people in uncomfortable environments—not to harm them, but to develop them and reveal His power.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 37:3–24
- Romans 8:28
- Proverbs 16:7

**Discussion Questions:**

- Can you identify a difficult environment God has used to shape or grow you?
- What does it look like to trust that “God is in it,” even when circumstances feel unfair or confusing?

**3. You Are Sent to Influence, Not Blend In**

Believers are called to be salt and light. God places us in dark or resistant environments so that His presence in us can bring change. We shine by how we live, not by how loudly we argue.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Matthew 5:13–16
- Matthew 10:16
- Psalm 22:3

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Where has God placed you that may feel challenging but could actually be your assignment?
- What are practical ways you can “shine” this week without debating or striving?

### **CONCLUSION**

God is sovereign over every part of our journey - the highs, the lows, and the in-between. Favor does not mean a smooth path, but it guarantees God’s presence and purpose at every step. Just as Joseph’s dream survived betrayal, delay, and hardship, God will bring to completion what He has begun in us. When we trust Him in every environment, favor becomes the vehicle that moves us into His promises.

### **Personal Challenge**

1. Identify one environment in your life where God may be calling you to shine rather than escape
2. Choose to praise God daily this week, especially when facing resistance or discouragement
3. Reflect on a past season where God’s favor was present—even when you couldn’t see it at the time