



The Favor Effect- Pt. 8

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

In this message, Pastor Ron continues his multi-week series “The Favor Effect.” Drawing from the story of Ruth and Boaz, Pastor Ron teaches that favor is often released through the voice of a mentor and a posture of surrender and teachability. Did you know that our inheritance can be locked up because of a lack of maturity? To unlock all that God has prepared for us, we must prepare ourselves—wash, anoint, and put on their our best garments—allowing the Word of God to separate us from past trauma and position us to receive everything God has for us. Let’s get started!

KEY SCRIPTURES: Ruth 3:3-5, Galatians 4:1-5, Ephesians 5:25-26

DISCUSSION POINTS & QUESTIONS

1. TWO FORCES THAT MOVE YOUR LIFE FORWARD

There are forces at work in our lives: sowing and reaping (which we control) and the favor of God (which He chooses to release). Sowing involves our words, decisions, and giving—emptying out today to fill up tomorrow. But favor is different. It’s unexplainable, undeserved, and entirely God’s grace. It’s when His face turns toward you and the unexplainable begins to happen.

Questions:

- What does it look like when God steps in and does something you can’t take credit for?
- How do sowing and reaping work together with favor? Can one exist without the other in a healthy spiritual life?
- Share a moment in your own life when you stumbled into the right place by God’s favor—not by your own planning or effort.

2. THE POWER OF A MENTOR’S VOICE

In Chapter 3 of Ruth, Naomi shifted from being an elderly liability to becoming a life-giving voice of instruction. There is a distinction between friends and mentors: a friend accepts you as you are, while a mentor is only interested in who you can become. When we reject all instruction and rebel against every voice, we limit ourselves to learning only through painful personal experience.

Questions:

- What is the difference between a friend and a mentor? Do you have someone in your life who qualifies as a true mentor—someone who is focused on your future, not just your present?

- “What you respect moves toward you. What you disrespect moves away from you.” How does your level of honor and respect for others determine what God brings into your life?
- Is there a voice in your life right now you have been resistant to? What might change if you responded like Ruth: “All that you say to me, I will do”?

3. REBELLION VS. TEACHABILITY

Over the past several generations, rebellion has increasingly been celebrated in our culture—in classrooms, homes, and government. When we will listen to no one, we relegate ourselves to only learning through experience, spending our energy cleaning up our last mess rather than moving forward.

Questions:

- Where do you see the celebration of rebellion in today’s culture? How has it affected the church or your personal relationships?
- What does it mean to live in a way that genuinely counters the spirit of rebellion in our age?
- Is there an area of your life where you have been saying “nobody will tell me what to do”? What has that posture cost you?

4. WASH, ANOINT AND PUT ON YOUR BEST GARMENT

Before Ruth could meet Boaz, Naomi gave her three instructions: wash yourself, anoint yourself, and put on your best garment. Washing—is the work of the Word of God in our lives. The Word sanctifies (removes and distances us from trauma), cleanses (removes mixture of old and new), and washes (immerses us in our purpose until our past is unrecognizable).

Questions:

- What is one area of your life where you are still mixing the old with the new? What would it take to fully put on the new?
- What does consistent time in the Word actually do to the way you process pain and disappointment?
- What would it look like for you to be so immersed in purpose that your past loses its power?

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

Favor is not random—it is released through a posture of teachability, honor, and readiness. Like Ruth, many of us are one or two instructions away from a radical change. But we must be willing to hear the voice of a mentor, surrender to instruction, wash ourselves of past trauma, and believe that our heavenly Father has already prearranged something for us. This is not just theology—it is the path from begging to belonging, from limitation to inheritance.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE: This week, choose 1-2 action steps to implement

1. **Identify Your Mentor:** Reach out to them this week with a posture of humility and ask for their input or wisdom in a specific area of your life.
2. **Wash with the Word:** Identify one area of your life where your past is bleeding into your present. Spend 10 minutes each day this week reading and meditating on scriptures
3. **Locate Your Inheritance:** Write down 3 things you believe God has ordained for your life. Place them where you can see them daily and begin declaring them as inheritance.
4. **Honor Someone This Week:** Identify a person in authority or an elder in your life that you can deliberately honor. Practice the principle: what you respect moves toward you.

5. **Check Your Maturity:** Using 1 Corinthians 13 as your mirror, honestly evaluate: How do I think? How do I speak? How do I understand? Ask God to show you one area where growing in maturity would open the next door.

MEMORY VERSE:

“An heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.” - Gal. 4:1-2

PRAYER:

Father, we thank You that we are not common—we are heirs of the Most High God. Forgive us for the times we have rejected the voices You placed in our lives. Soften our hearts and give us the humility of Ruth: “All that you say to me, I will do.” Wash us with Your Word. Remove every trace of past trauma. Distance us from what has hurt us and immerse us in the purpose You ordained before we were born. Bring the right voices, the right connections, and the right season. We step into it now, in faith, believing that You are the God who locks favor in others and releases it through honor. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen!