



“When Favor Finds You” (The Favor Effect)

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

In this powerful message, Pastor Duaine Johnson teaches about the transformative power of favor and identity in Christ. Favor is not something we work for or earn—it's who we are in Christ. When God sees us, He sees us as favored, forgiven, and filled with faith. We don't just need favor or access favor; we ARE favor.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 5:24 - *"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."*

John 9:1-7 – *The man healed of blindness*

DISCUSSION POINTS & QUESTIONS

1. YOU ARE FAVOR

In Christ, we don't just have favor, access favor, or need favor—we ARE favor. Like Hannah (which means 'favor' in Hebrew), every time we introduce ourselves, we're saying 'Hi, I'm favor.' When God sees us in Christ, He sees us as favored, forgiven, and filled with faith. Our identity is not based on our performance or achievements but on who we are in Christ.

Questions:

- Why is it significant that Hannah's name literally means 'favor'? How does this change how you see your own identity?
- Pastor Duaine said, 'When God looks in the mirror, He sees you.' What does this statement mean about your position in Christ?

2. BREAKING GENERATIONAL PATTERNS

The man born blind represents all of us who were born into certain patterns, limitations, or circumstances. But Jesus demonstrated that favor can break what we were born with. We don't have to stay what we were born with—favor changes everything.

Questions:

- The man's blindness wasn't because of sin but so that God's works could be revealed. What does this teach us about our struggles and limitations?
- What generational patterns or limitations have you inherited (financial, relational, emotional, spiritual)? Do you believe God's favor can break these?

3. THE LEGAL REALM OF THE SPIRIT

The unseen realm is a legal realm governed by spiritual laws. Jesus didn't just preach religion; He established a church (ecclesia), which is a governmental body that legislates, adjudicates, and eradicates. As citizens of heaven and a holy nation, we have the authority to speak God's Word and release His favor in the earth. We are not just Christians—we are the people of God with kingdom authority.

Questions:

- How should we 'legislate, adjudicate, and eradicate' as believers? What authority has God given us?
- If we are citizens of another country, How should this identity change the way we live daily and respond to earthly circumstances?

4. RIDICULOUS, SUPERNATURAL FAVOR

Like the blind man who was so transformed that people questioned if he was the same person, God's favor will change us to the point where we'll have to tell people, 'That was me, but I'm not that anymore.'

- The blind man was so changed that people didn't recognize him. What would it look like for God's favor to transform you to that degree?
- Pastor Duaine said favor will introduce you before your reputation does. How does this challenge the way we typically think about advancement or success?
- What if the things who are not "working" in your life is a setup for God's favor to emerge? How does this perspective change your discouragement?

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

Favor is not something we chase—it's who we are in Christ. We are the favored ones, surrounded by favor like a shield. God is breaking generational patterns, opening unprecedented doors, and positioning us for ridiculous, supernatural favor. But we must raise our faith, walk in our identity, and expect favor to manifest. Like the man born blind, we may not have called out for it, but Jesus is walking by and declaring, 'It's time for favor.' The challenge is to believe it, speak it, and watch as God transforms us into people we don't even recognize.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

This week, choose 1-2 action steps to implement

- **Declare Your Identity Daily:** Every morning, look in the mirror and say, 'I am favor. I am favored. I am forgiven. I am filled with faith.' Do this for 7 days and watch your mindset shift.
- **Surrender Something:** Identify one thing you're holding onto tightly (control, a possession, a relationship, a plan). Surrender it to God in prayer and release it, trusting that He has something better.
- **Prophecy Over Your Bloodline:** Write down 2-3 generational patterns or limitations you want broken. Speak over them daily: 'This ends with me. God's favor is breaking this pattern in Jesus' name.'
- **Walk in Kingdom Authority:** This week, practice 'legislating, adjudicating, and eradicating.' When challenges arise, speak God's Word over them. Declare what belongs and what must leave.
- **Expect Favor Everywhere:** Before entering any situation (meetings, conversations, errands), pause and say, 'Favor surrounds me like a shield. I expect ridiculous favor here.' Watch what happens.

MEMORY VERSE

"For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield."

— *Psalm 5:12 (NKJV)*