



The Favor Effect- Pt. 11

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

In this message, Pastor Ron Carpenter Jr. continues his teaching on the Favor series with Ruth's favor story to show how honoring protocols—preparation, humility, waiting, and responding—positions us for divine encounters. This sermon emphasizes mentorship (inform, insulate, inspire) and urges us to patiently adapt rather than forcing outcomes. Like Ruth, we must wait for God's timing to fully experience the Favor Effect in our lives. Let's get started!

SCRIPTURES:

Ruth 1-3, Galatians 6:7, Genesis 8:22, Proverbs 27:17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. FAVOR & THE LAW OF SOWING

- Favor is a gift of God; it is not earned. But, we can sow seeds now to yield the harvest that we want to see in our futures.
- If we don't like what we see in our lives, we can sow new seeds like Ruth (habits, language, practices, etc.)
- Scripture reference: Galatians 6:7, Genesis 8:22

Questions:

1. Where have I expected favor to be earned rather than received as grace?
2. What seeds did Ruth plant while she waited to come into her favor? How does her "sowing season" challenge you?

2. PROTOCOLS FOR ENCOUNTERING BOAZ (Ruth's Instructions)

- Stepping into favor is not passive. It requires action. Ruth had to wash and anoint herself, then put on a fresh garment. There was a process attached to her receiving Boaz's favor.
- Scripture reference: Ruth 3:3-5, 8-11, 1 Cor. 9:27

Questions:

1. Which practical protocols (prayer, preparation, humility, timing) do I need to adopt before seeking a breakthrough?
2. Am I ready to be quiet and respond rather than initiate when God's timing arrives?

3. MENTORSHIP + FAVOR

- Mentorship is meant to inform (us about what is necessary), Insulate (us from negative forces / unnecessary challenges), and Inspire (us with what is possible)
- Ruth's decision to accept Naomi as her mentor opened a new world for her.
- Scripture reference: Naomi's role in Ruth (Ruth 1-3); Proverbs 27:17

Questions:

1. Who currently informs, insulates, or inspires me, and where is my greatest gap?
2. Whom can I approach for mentorship, and what specific area would I ask them to help with?

4. PATIENCE & ADAPTATION TO NEW SEASONS

- There is an “appointed time” for God’s favor in our lives. We cannot rush it along, but we can prepare.
- Adherence to protocols demonstrates honor. Honor unlocks windows of favor over our lives.

Questions:

1. When have I forced a solution and paid a price? What did I learn about waiting?
2. What cultural or behavioral adaptations must I make to enter my next season well?

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

This week, we are challenged that while favor is God’s gift, we too must partner with him by following the protocols to activate God’s favor in our lives. We must practice restraint (1 Cor. 9:27) and listen to wise counsel, to learn the behaviors and language needed to advance to our next level. Use Ruth’s life as an example: the field she once begged in, she would one day own. By honoring God’s protocols, pursuing mentorship, practicing patient waiting, and adapting to new seasons, we, too, will be prepared when God’s favor unlocks in our lives.

Personal Challenge:

1. By Friday, schedule one 30-minute conversation with a potential mentor.
2. Commit to a daily 10-minute preparation/prayer time each morning to help you prepare for your next.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank You for undeserved favor and for those You place to guide us. Help us honor Your protocols, wait patiently, adapt with humility, and receive Your timing. Raise up mentors, prepare our hearts to respond, and give us courage to act on the steps we’ve set. In Jesus’ name, Amen.