

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Fresh Favor April 1, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

There is a fresh wind of the Spirit of God that has been bringing in new revelation, new understanding, new worship, the awe and wonder of God, new level of surrender, new thinking, new vision, and new open doors to the favor of God. Favor is a dimension of the kindness of God that pours out upon individuals, the Body of Christ, a nation or city in a set time period. Favor pours out from Heaven and it surrounds and covers. Favor acts as a buffer or shield to everyday situations and circumstances. Favor can lessen and sometimes prevent negative impact. Favor connects the right resources and the right timing together. Favor protects. We are marked by the favor of God on our lives. Favor is an accelerant for accomplishing something that is beyond what could be done in the natural. The favor of God is a supernatural dimension and benefit extended to man to accomplish the purposes of God. When operating in the favor of God, EVERYTHING is easier. In the favor of God there is an open Heaven and easy connection to His presence.

The favor of God is linked with grace, His loving kindness, and with wisdom. Favor is a path, a roadway or highway that brings in the provision of the Lord. The favor of God encourages your heart and nourishes your soul. The favor of God is not to be taken lightly or squandered. It is a precious thing that God extends into our lives. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not His benefits... (Psalm 103). Favor blesses, enables, fills, expands, defines, and singles out. Favor breaks open the way to succeed or accomplish. Favor comes from God. Favor is connected to the release of the life of God. Favor is tangible. Favor builds. Favor confirms.

"Favor" is defined as:

- To give or receive mercy, kindness or grace.
- A special privilege granted.
- To show partiality toward.
- To afford advantages.
- To give support.
- Favor is something given by God – you can't give favor to yourself.

### Genesis 6.8 NIV

<sup>8</sup> But **Noah found favor** in the eyes of the LORD.

- How did Noah find favor?
- **Hebrews 11.7** NASB

<sup>7</sup> **By faith Noah**, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- **Genesis 6.9b** NASB  
...Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; **Noah walked with God.**
- **Genesis 6.22** NIV  
<sup>22</sup> **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.**

Noah was a man of faith, a man whose heart was open and responsive to the voice of the Lord. Noah was a worshipper. Noah honored and revered God Almighty. Noah was obedient.

Through Noah's obedience, even standing up to the on-going ridicule of his peers, the Lord used Noah to impact the land and release favor in the land.

### Genesis 8.20-21 NIV

<sup>20</sup> Then **Noah built an altar to the LORD** and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup> **The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground** because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."

- Immediately Noah brought God's presence (favor) into the land through worship.

### Genesis 35.2-5 NLT

<sup>2</sup> So Jacob told everyone in his household, "**Get rid of all your pagan idols, purify yourselves, and put on clean clothing.**" <sup>3</sup> We are now going to Bethel, where **I will build an altar to the God** who answered my prayers when I was in distress. **He has been with me wherever I have gone."**

<sup>4</sup> So they gave Jacob all their pagan idols and earrings, and he buried them under the great tree near Shechem. <sup>5</sup> **As they set out, a terror from God spread over the people in all the towns of that area, so no one attacked Jacob's family.**

- This is a picture of favor operating.
- First it was the favor of God to tell the Israelites to consecrate themselves, set themselves apart from all that would take them away from the Lord.
- Then the impact of favor is seen on the people – terror from God spread over the people. Jacob and his clan were protected from their enemies.
- Jacob's sons killed Shechem's people and now were facing retribution, bringing devastation on all their tribes. But God in His great mercy told them to consecrate themselves. Because of their obedience to consecrate themselves, God went before them with a FIERCE PROTECTION.

### Esther 2.15 NASB

<sup>15</sup> Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, advised. **And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.**

### Esther 10.3 NASB

<sup>3</sup> For **Mordecai** the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews and in **favor with his many kinsmen**, one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.

- Through granting favor to two people – Esther and Mordecai – the Lord saved an entire nation.
- Favor is given to accomplish God-given assignments.

### Psalms 5.12 NASB

<sup>12</sup> For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord, **You surround him with favor as with a shield.**

### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

**By the wisdom of God we declare to Detroit that restoration has come upon you.** You are being reformed and what has been lost is being restored. **Detroit, God is restoring your ability to influence this Nation and the nations of the earth for His glory. Detroit, you are a City with an ear to hear the voice of God and the ability to resound His voice into this Nation. Detroit, you are a trumpet of God and God is blowing His trumpet in Zion.** He is calling for the nations to align with His heart and His purposes. God is restoring nations back to their God-given destinies. **He is releasing His wisdom and strategies for restoration, awakening and revival.**

Detroit, you are a key City to the nations. God is dethroning rulers of darkness that have held cities and nations and their people captive to oppression and fear. God has marked out ahead of time the boundaries of nations and He will perfectly finish His predetermined plan. **The Kingdom of God is not understood by intellect. The favor of God is over Detroit. We call forth the wind of the Spirit to blow through Detroit.** Birth vision and understanding for this time. Bring redemptive understanding and restoration to the land. This wind of God's favor is bringing Kingdom alignment for this time.