

## **Grace, Favor or the Anointing!**

**“God doesn’t tease us with the impossible; He empowers us to do the impossible” (Gary Hines)**

*Lets talk about some impossible things that you maybe going through;*

- *loving someone who hates you*
- *forgiving someone who has hurt you or wronged you*
- *praying for someone you don't know*
- *giving of your finances*
- *believing you are healed even though the doctors say your not*
- *remaining faithful while waiting for an answer from God*
- *remaining faithful, even if you don't like the answer God gave you (you can change Gods heart... Abraham and Lot)*

*So the question comes down to this...*

### **HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?**

**Genesis 1:26** says... we are created in Gods “image” and “likeness”

*The creator of everything made us to be like Him , to act like Him and to talk like Him. Jesus himself said - if you have seen me you have seen the Father! jesus is our human example of how we should act. We as believers need to know our God, I mean to really know our God. We need to have a close relationship with Him, to know who He is, what He is, His likes and His dislikes!*

*How we see ourselves determines how much of the **anointing** , **favor** and **Grace** we walk in!*

**Numbers 1-2, 25-28, 30-32 (AMP)**

**Spies View the Land**

**13** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel. From each of their fathers’ tribes you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.”

*The Lord instructed Moses to choose twelve leaders, one from each tribe, and send them out to scout the land of Canaan.*

**25** When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days, **26** they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the land’s fruit. **27** They reported to Moses and said, “We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. **28** But the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified (walled) and very large; moreover, we saw there the descendants of Anak [people of great stature and courage].

*When the scouts returned, all twelve of them agreed that the land was fruitful and productive, that it was a land flowing with milk and honey! But when it came to deciding a course of action, ten of the twelve gave “an evil report”, while only two of them, Joshua and Caleb, gave a good report. The reason the ten gave an evil report is because they were afraid. The problem was that they were looking at the situation in the natural, through the eyes of the flesh, while Caleb and Joshua were looking at it in the spiritual, through the eyes of the Lord.*

**30** Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession of it; for we will certainly conquer it.” **31** But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are too strong for us.” **32** So they gave the Israelites a bad report

about the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we went, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

*Notice in verse 33, what the ten said of the inhabitants of the land and of themselves: There we saw the Nephilim (the giants), and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”*

*So how do you see yourself, as a grasshopper or as a mighty warrior of God? Is yours an evil report or a good report?*

*When the Lord sets before you a new opportunity, do you become fearful and say “ I can't overcome the giants” or do you boldly declare, “ I'm going up to defeat those giants, because I am well able to do it”. Ten leaders saw giants... two saw God! Keep your eyes on God. You plus God will overcome any situation!*

*Don't let the devil fill your head with thoughts of unworthiness. Remember this: thoughts are seeds. Your spirit can only produce for you what you sow and nurture within your own mind and heart. Every thought whether good or bad- you allow to enter and take root in your innermost being will begin to grow and produce fruit. That is why you need to learn to replace negative thoughts and words with positive ones. You need to stop seeing yourself as an unworthy sinner and begin to see yourself as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!*

## **1 Corinthians 1:30** Amplified Bible

**30** But it is from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God [revealing His plan of salvation], and righteousness [making us in right standing, acceptable to God], and sanctification [making us holy and setting us apart for God], and redemption [providing our ransom from the penalty for sin],

*I started off this sermon with a quote;*

***“God doesn’t tease us with the impossible; He empowers us to do the impossible” (Gary Hines)***

*We can do the impossible because He has empowered us to do so! How has He empowered us? With what did He empower us with?*

*With; **Grace, Favor** and the **Anointing***

*God has set us apart for service unto Him, He has anointed us to do His works, and has given us power through the Holy Spirit, who lives within us!*

### ***Acts 1:8 Amplified Bible***

*8 But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”*

***Grace and Favor*** are both translated from the Greek word “*charis*”. They're both the same.

- *Grace is unearned, unmerited, underserved favor and is the power that comes from God to help a person overcome evil tendencies.*
- *Favor is the grace or power in a person that enables him or her to act graciously or favorably.*

### ***Philippians 4:13 Amplified Bible***

*13 I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency; I am ready for anything and*

equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]

*The Lord wants to be personally involved in our lives. God wants to give us supernatural favor because it provokes genuine praise and thanksgiving.*

*Once you start to walk in favor, you will see fantastic things start to happen in your daily lives.*

**Psalm 8:1-6** Amplified Bible

## **The Lord's Glory and Man's Dignity.**

**8** O Lord, our Lord,

How majestic *and* glorious *and* excellent is Your name in all the earth! You have displayed Your splendor above the heavens.

**2** Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries,  
That You might silence the enemy *and* make the revengeful cease.

**3** When I see *and* consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have established,

**4** What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?

**5** Yet You have made him a little lower than God,  
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

**6** You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,

*What the psalmist is telling us in this scripture is that you and I have been singled out by God, who has placed upon our heads His crown of Favor and Excellence!*

*So you and I have been crowned with Gods favor and excellence. The main reason we are not tapping into these blessings of the Lord which have been placed upon us is because we don't believe we deserve them or because we have not been*

*taught that they are ours. Our faith is not activated in this area. So we muddle through life, taking whatever the devil decides to throw at us without ever claiming what is rightfully ours.*

*In verse 6, we see that all things have been placed under our feet by God who has given us dominion over all His creation. That doesn't sound to me as if we are supposed to allow the devil and his demons to intimidate, dominate and oppress us.*

*We will walk in our God-given glory and honor only to the extent that we determine to do so!*

*In order to get or needs met, in order to receive anything from God, we must have both faith and grace. It is by grace through faith that we are saved. And it is by grace through faith that all of our prayers are answered and all of our needs are met.*

*We can have all the faith in the world, but it will do us no good unless its plugged into the source of power , which is the Grace of God. Grace is the enabling power of God!*

*Sometimes we put all our trust in our faith... saying "I have faith", but without the power , without the grace, it doesn't come to pass.*

*We often trust in our faith to meet our needs. Then when our needs aren't met, we try to have more faith, because we aren't seeing beyond our faith.*

*We often base everything on our faith, when every victory should be based on Gods faithfulness .*

*Faith is the means by which we receive the grace of God, which is the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## **2 Timothy 2:13 Amplified Bible**

**13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful [true to His word and His righteous character], for He cannot deny Himself.**

*We need to get our eyes off our ability to believe, and onto Gods willingness to meet our needs even though we may not have perfect faith!*

*We must remember that the devil is not going to just sit back and allow us to have victories without putting up a fight. The devil can oppose our faith, but he can't come against Gods Grace, Gods unmerited power.*

*Once you have gained a victory over the enemy, you can't just settle back and relax, assuming that everything will stay as it is. You have got to be prepared for a counter attack. Its not enough to win a victory , you have to be prepared to keep the victory you have won.*

### **Ephesians 6:11-12** Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

*Believers need to be confident and assured, not timid and doubtful. We need to know who we are in Christ fully persuaded that we have a right to be doing what we are doing. We must remember that our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against powerful spiritual enemies! So walk in Gods grace, favor and anointing! Amen!!*