

# Esther: How to Multiply God's Favor

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

While God's name is absent from the Book of Esther, His influence within it is undeniable. This incredible story of Esther emphasizes the significance of "favor" – the grace, kindness, and blessing bestowed upon us, much like the blessings Jesus received as He grew in grace (Luke 2:52). In 2 Peter 3:18, Peter also encouraged us to "grow in the grace" of God, while James 4:6 further explains that God is able to give a greater (more) grace. So how do we multiply God's favor in our lives instead of wasting this undeserved grace?

Set in Susa, the capital of the Medo-Persian Empire, Esther's story begins with King Xerxes throwing an extravagant 180-day banquet to display his power. When Queen Vashti defies him, she is banished, sparking a search for a new queen. Enter Esther, an orphan raised by her cousin, Mordecai, who found favor with those overseeing the selection process (Esther 2:9). To multiply God's favor, we can follow Esther's example through three key principles:

## Obedience

Esther found favor and kindness in everything she did because she obeyed Mordecai's instruction to keep her Jewish descent a secret for the meantime (Esther 2:10,15,17). Mordecai also played a crucial role in Esther's story, obeying God and foiling a plot to assassinate the king (Esther 2:21-23). Obedience is powerful and it brings blessings into our lives. It reflects humility, honor, respect, and trust in our relationships. Children are called to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3), wives to submit to their husbands (1 Peter 3:1-2), and workers to submit to their leaders – even unfair ones - because this finds favor with God (1 Peter 2:18-19). No matter how hard, obedience

invites God's grace and favor into our lives.

## Faith

Faith is vital because without it's impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). It requires trust in His goodness and belief in the assurance that He rewards those who seek Him. Despite the dangers, when Mordecai urged Esther to act against the decree to destroy the Jews, she chose faith over fear (Esther 4:14). With courage, she called for prayer and boldly approached the king, and the king graciously listened to her (Esther 5). We must remember that faith is not the absence of fear, it's doing what you know is right and leaving the outcome to God. Because the object of our faith is God and His word, we can depend on God and wait expectantly on Him even when our faith is tested.

## Wisdom

Wisdom is a gift from God that He gives abundantly to those who ask for it (James 1:5). Esther demonstrated wisdom by timing her requests perfectly, leading to the king's unexpected recognition of Mordecai's heroism (Esther 6). Ultimately, Esther revealed Haman's plot, saving her people and resulting in a celebration of their deliverance through the festival of Purim.

God offers us favor not only for our benefit but to bless others. The path of obedience may carry a heavy cost, but it will always be more costly not to follow the Lord. Let's follow Esther's example and embrace divine opportunities to make an impact through obedience to God, faith in God, and wisdom given by God.

## last week's memory verse

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

ESTHER 4:14

## discuss this message

- Are there areas in your life where God is asking you to obey? How can you grow in trusting God's direction, especially in unseen or uncomfortable situations?
- What is one situation in your life right now that requires faith and godly courage? What's holding you back from stepping out in faith, and what can you do to move forward with boldness?
- How can you grow in making wise decisions?

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April 26, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Room 2A

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Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM  
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9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen



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## LEARN MORE about our faith

### Be GLC-Equipped in your Discipleship Journey!

#### GLC LEVEL 1 — Be a Disciple

Book 1: One by One, Session 4

ONSITE: April 13, Sunday  
10:30 AM, 2/F Annex Bldg.

ZOOM: April 16, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines, Session 4

ONSITE: April 13, Sunday  
1:30 PM, 2/F Annex Bldg.

ZOOM: April 16, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

#### GLC LEVEL 2 — Be a Discipier

Book 8: Survey of the Bible, Sessions 1 & 2

ONSITE: April 20, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: April 24, Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Baptism

CLASS: April 13, Sunday  
1:30 PM, G/F Annex Bldg.

BAPTISM: April 20, Sunday  
1:30 PM, G/F Annex Bldg.

### BElieve: True Life Retreat

May 23 and 24, Friday and Saturday  
CCF Center

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for His purpose.

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps  
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
— Deuteronomy 7:9*

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. — John 14:6*

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



## Services at the CCF Center

### Saturdays

5:00 PM

### Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
and 3:00 PM

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