

Each believer positioned in and for favour. God's desire that all be in His Kingdom.. walking in a place where we KNOW He loves us, has plans for us (better than what we could ever come up with, *with the challenges that arouse the growth that allows the favour*). Favour: not living waiting for a miracle, living in His presence – walking in the presence, plans & purposes of God.

#### HIS PRESENCE: FAVOUR RESTING – PRESENT FAVOUR

Genesis 39-50 Joseph's story.. had a dream but perhaps didn't share it so wisely...trouble from that point (favour does not mean that nothing goes wrong)... Joseph stayed with the plan and declared at the end of Genesis that 'you meant it for evil but God for good and the saving of many souls'... a nation was saved (obedience of one man)

LUKE 1:28, 30, 38.. Highly favoured; found favour, 'maidservant' – **willing**; 'according to Your Word' – **obedient**.

Why did Mary find favour? Ability to see God & serve His cause. From the moment she stepped in to this plan there was trouble.. from the religious, relatives... **for the saving of many souls.. Jesus Christ.**

Luke 2:14, 14:18; 4:18.. favour rests.. Elijah sent to one woman with a nation in famine, one leper healed.. Naaman..

Luke 4:18.. Jesus makes declaration .. whole synagogue is astounded by Him.. few minutes later they are attempting to murder Him. (Psalm 5:11-12; 67:5-7) favour as a shield; protection & promotion.

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, then who can be against us?

James 4:6-7 grace=favour='charis'=divine influence upon the heart and its outworking in life, peace and joy. **There is a greater level of grace we can walk in.**

NO MATTER THE TIMES; KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH US; walk in His faithfulness.. He will see you through to the saving of many souls.

Mary had to deny herself; religious restraint and flesh. God gives grace to the humble.. He empowers the humble (right opinion of yourself)... **Humility is agreement with God's Word..** this is how we position ourselves. 'Let it be to me according to Your Word.'

#### HIGHLY FAVOURED TO THE SAVING OF MANY SOULS.

More grace... (Pride disagrees with the Word)

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature; in favour with God and men. Luke 2:52

Hebrews 5:6-14 walking in humility takes practice. Jesus learned obedience through the things He suffered.. not ruled by His senses but exercised His senses to discern between good and evil. Walk by faith is not a walk dictated to by the natural senses.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE FAVOUR OF THE LORD. Humble ourselves (come under the Word).. bringing senses in to captivity; not arguing with the Word of God, be in fellowship and not in philosophy.. GOD WILL GIVE MORE GRACE.