**The Pillar on Favor**

An intercessor is marked with the great favor of being daily loaded with benefits. The provision is liberal Favor/ Grace in whatever gift is necessary in heaven and on earth to be able to complete the assignment, stay stable and be kept. The provision is ALWAYS more than enough.

**Ezra 7:19-20 NLKV**

*And whatever more may be needed for the house of your God, which you may have occasion to provide, pay for it from the king's treasury.*

The right heart knows how to steward the favor of God*. “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”* **(Matthew 13:51-52)**

When in a relationship with God, more and more is learned about how to serve, take care of, and be responsible with His favor. Whether little whispers or great big gifts from Father God, an intercessor is aware of His notes throughout the day and how He is showing in what manner to respond, speak, think, and live in heavenly places with Him.

*But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me--and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.* **(1 Corinthians 15:10)**

Favor is for influence. This is the weight carried to have an effect on the character, development, and outcome of an assignment. **Ecclesiastes 7:1** *says a good name is better than perfume.* We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Jesus. What great favor was bestowed on creation to have Jesus visit this earth, become flesh and dwell among us, full of grace and truth! Favor reminds that He is our victory. Defeat and discouragement are not our portion in Christ Jesus*.* But that does not mean favor is always fair: either to others or to oneself. Favor may bring persecution, gossip, misunderstanding, unfortunate circumstances and hatred by others. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was “highly favored.” And she was almost divorced, her baby was born less than nine months after her marriage (and what implications could that have given those around her and Joseph?), the king wanted her boy killed, she moved around many times, she gave birth to a baby in a stable, and much more. However, being favored does make one receptive to God’s grace. God will extend Himself freely toward an intercessor to grant and present favor. He pours it out in their heart, but they reflect it in their life.

Favor encourages consistency, intensity, perseverance, and zealousness in prayer. **Luke 11:1-13** speaks of the gifts that come from a father. Right after Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray, He then discusses how a friend having nothing in hand (*boasting in our weaknesses)* can go to another friend, and that friend will rise and give him whatever he needs *(so that the power of Christ can rest on us - 2 Corinthians 12:9*).

Intercessors can ask, seek, and knock knowing that the Father will give good gifts to them: especially the Holy Spirit.

**Jude 1:24-25** *To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy -- to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*