

BEYOND THE GRIND

WALKING IN FAVOR. LEADING IN POWER.

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BIG IDEA:

Favor lays the groundwork; power brings it to life.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Romans 13:1

Psalms 65:6

Genesis 41:38

Genesis 41:41

Nehemiah 1:4

John 15:5

1 Corinthians 4:7

Luke 1:38

1 Samuel 16:10-13

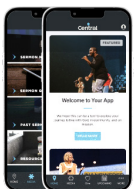
1 Samuel 13:11-14

Philippians 2:7

Proverbs 16:12

Psalms 90:17

1. How do you see God's favor and power working hand in hand in your life right now? Are there areas where you're striving instead of relying on His power?
2. With John 15:5 in view, how can the imagery of a lamp disconnected from its power source shape how you understand staying aligned with God's will and purpose?
3. Consider Joseph's journey in Genesis 41. How does his stewardship of God-given power challenge or inspire you in your spheres of influence?
4. How does thinking of God's favor as a "relational infrastructure," like a compass that keeps you pointed in the right direction, help you stay grounded in what God asks you to do? When life pulls you toward distractions or your plans, how does God's favor help you course-correct and remain focused on what matters?
5. Reflect on the difference between King Saul's misuse of power (1 Samuel 13) and Nehemiah's dependence on God. How do these examples help you identify areas where you need to realign your leadership or influence?
6. In what ways can entitlement creep into the way we view influence or authority? How can we guard against it while embracing humility and trust in God's timing?
7. Reflect on the principle that power is a tool, not a trophy. How does this challenge your mindset about influence in your home, work, or church?
8. In what ways can Proverbs 16:12 and Psalm 90:17 guide you in using your God-given power and influence for His purposes rather than your own?
9. How do the stories of Joseph, Esther, Daniel, and Jesus challenge your understanding of God's favor? Each of them experienced seasons where life seemed to go backward—like Jesus being led into the desert after His baptism. How can their journeys encourage you to trust God's favor, even when it leads you through difficult or unexpected places?
10. What steps can you take this week to remain plugged into God's power, ensuring your influence and actions reflect His glory rather than personal ambition?



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