



the year of **FAVOR**



The Year of Favor
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Day 1: Building on the Rock

Devotional: Jesus asks a piercing question: "Why do you call me Lord and not do what I say?" The year of favor begins with rebuilding our foundation on Christ, the solid rock. Like Nehemiah's workers who built with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other, we must intentionally construct our spiritual lives on God's Word while fighting off distractions and deceptions. The enemy doesn't want you anchored in Scripture because he knows a life built on the rock cannot be shaken. Today, assess your foundation. Are you surviving on "verse of the day" fragments, or are you digging deep into God's Word? Rebuild the ruins of your devotional life. Open your Bible with expectation, knowing that God's Word is living, active, and anointed to transform you from the inside out.

Reading:

Luke 6:46-49 NKJV

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

“He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

Psalm 119:105-112 NKJV

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous judgements.
I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.
Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me Your judgements.
My life is continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.
Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.*

Reflection: In what ways have you been surviving on 'fragments' of God's word rather than building your life on the solid rock, and what practical steps can you take to change this?

Day 2: Raising Up Dead Places

Devotional: God promises to transform desolate places into gardens of Eden—to bring life where death once reigned. What areas of your spiritual life have become ghost towns? Perhaps your worship has grown cold, your prayer life has dried up, or your joy has evaporated under life's pressures. The anointing of Jesus was given specifically to revive these dead places. Like the priests who refilled the oil daily and kept the altar fire burning, you must return to abiding in Christ. It doesn't matter why the fire went out—what matters is that you rebuild the altar today. God wants to restore the wilderness of your heart into a place of joy, gladness, and thanksgiving. Stop visiting God and start living in Him. When you abide in Christ and His words abide in you, the fire of heaven falls again, and life flows abundantly.

Reading:

Ezekiel 36:33-36 NKJV

'Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.

"So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' "Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.'

Isaiah 51:3 NKJV

*For the Lord will comfort Zion,
He will comfort all her waste places;*

*He will make her wilderness like Eden,
And her desert like the garden of the Lord;
Joy and gladness will be found in it,
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.*

Reflection: What areas of your spiritual life have become 'desolate' or inactive, and what would it look like to rebuild them on the foundation of Christ this year?

Day 3: The Anointing That Breaks Yokes

Devotional: Jesus stood in the synagogue and declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me." This wasn't just for ancient Israel—this word is for you today. The anointing destroys yokes and lifts burdens that you cannot break in your own strength. Are you bound by addiction, crushed by shame, imprisoned by past failures, or carrying the weight of depression? Jesus came specifically to set captives free. Like the oak tree that survives lightning strikes and resists decomposition through its inner strength, God wants to make you resilient through His anointing. The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in you. Today, receive the anointing that repels the enemy, heals brokenheartedness, and proclaims liberty. You don't have to fight in your own strength—let the anointed One break every chain.

Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-4 NKJV

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,*

*And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness;
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."
And they shall rebuild the old ruins,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.*

Isaiah 10:27 NKJV

*It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*

Reflection: How have shame and past failures prevented you from pursuing God's promises, and how can the anointing of God protect you from these internal attacks?

Day 4: Beauty for Ashes, Joy for Mourning

Devotional: God specializes in divine exchanges—beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, praise for heaviness. What are you carrying today that God wants to exchange? Perhaps you're grieving lost opportunities, mourning broken relationships, or wearing the heavy garment of shame. God's favor means He doesn't just remove the bad—He gives you double honor in its place. Like Job, who received double restoration after his suffering, God wants to restore what the