

EYES ON THE NEWBORN KING: FINDING PEACE

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SUMMARY:

Mike speaks this week on how we experience the secret of inner peace?

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-15

The secret to experiencing peace is to rest in God's favor - The reason you don't have peace isn't because you're having a crisis of faith, you're having a crisis of favor.

Most of us don't know how to host the favor of God.

Five reasons why you can't receive favor or grace:

1. You are a performance-based person "Pride"
2. You are a punishment-based person "Shame"
3. You are an entitlement-based person "Narcissism"
4. You are a comparison-based person "Envy"
5. You are a prodigal-based person "Two-timing"

How to maximize God's Favor:

1. Make God's glory your story...we maximize favor through "obedience"
2. Learn to limbo...we maximize favor through "humility"
3. Be a pit bull not a parrot...we maximize favor through "alignment"

QUESTIONS:

1-Of the 5 reasons we don't receive God's favor, which most often stops you from receiving God's favor?

2-We maximize favor through obedience: Where is God asking you to be obedient?

3-We maximize favor through humility: What is one situation or relationship in which you could display some humility?

4-We maximize favor through alignment: Where do you need His perspective, His truth, His Strength? *Philippians 4:7*

Now, since we are God's coworkers, we beg you not to take God's marvelous grace for granted, allowing it to have no effect on your lives. For he says,

I listened to you at the time of my favor. And the day when you needed salvation, I came to your aid.

So can't you see? Now is the time to respond to his favor!

Now is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:1-3 (TPT)

FULL NOTES:

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Hosts: Matt Taylor and Jen McCourt

Worship: Jake Schwein, Amanda, Edwards, Lauren Pickthorn

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Peace (Eirene) (Shalom): To restore what was broken **inwardly** and **outwardly**.

Luke 2:13-15

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Where favor rests, peace resides.

Favor: Gift, generosity, or approval.

Most of us don't know how to walk in peace because we don't know how to walk in favor

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There is a fine line between living with expectation and living with entitlement
One says "God can", the others says "God must".

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1 Kings 18:21

Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

Here is the thing about favor...you don't just receive favor, you maximize favor

How to maximize God's Favor:

Luke 2:51,52

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

1. **Make God's glory your story. We maximize favor through "obedience"**

Luke 1:26-28

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:29,30

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God."

2. **Learn to limbo...we maximize favor through "humility"**

1 Peter 5:5,6

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

3. **Be a pit bull not a parrot...we maximize favor through "alignment"**

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Alignment turns God's favor into spiritual fangs.