

Presence Makes A Way for Favor

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Psalm 90:1-2, 13-17

Lord, you have always been our eternal home,
our hiding place from generation to generation.

² Long before you gave birth to the earth
and before the mountains were born,
you have been from everlasting to everlasting,
the one and only true God.

Psalm 90:1-2, 13-17

¹³ Return to us again, O God!

How much longer will it take until you show us
your abundant compassion?

¹⁴ Let the sunrise of your love end our dark night.

Break through our clouded dawn again!

Only you can satisfy our hearts,

filling us with songs of joy to the end of our days.

Psalm 90:1-2, 13-17

¹⁵ We've been overwhelmed with grief;
come now and overwhelm us with gladness.
Replace our years of trouble with decades of delight.

¹⁶ Let us see your miracles again,
and let the rising generation
see the glorious wonders you're famous for.

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Esther

Esther 2:15b, 17

“And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her. . . .¹⁷

Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen...” [NIV]

Daniel

Daniel 1:9

“Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.” [NKJV]

Mary

- **Luke 1:28-30**

“The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.’²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.’” [NIV]

Jesus

Luke 2:52

“Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.” [NLT]

What Is Favor?

“Favor is the peculiar signature of God on your life that releases an influence upon you so that others are inclined to like you or cooperate with you, so you can carry and fulfil God’s purposes.” [Lance Wallnau, *The Force of Favor*, 2008, CD #1, adapted]

Favor with God and People

- **1 Samuel 2:26** “And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.” [NIV]
- **Luke 2:52** “Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.” [NLT]

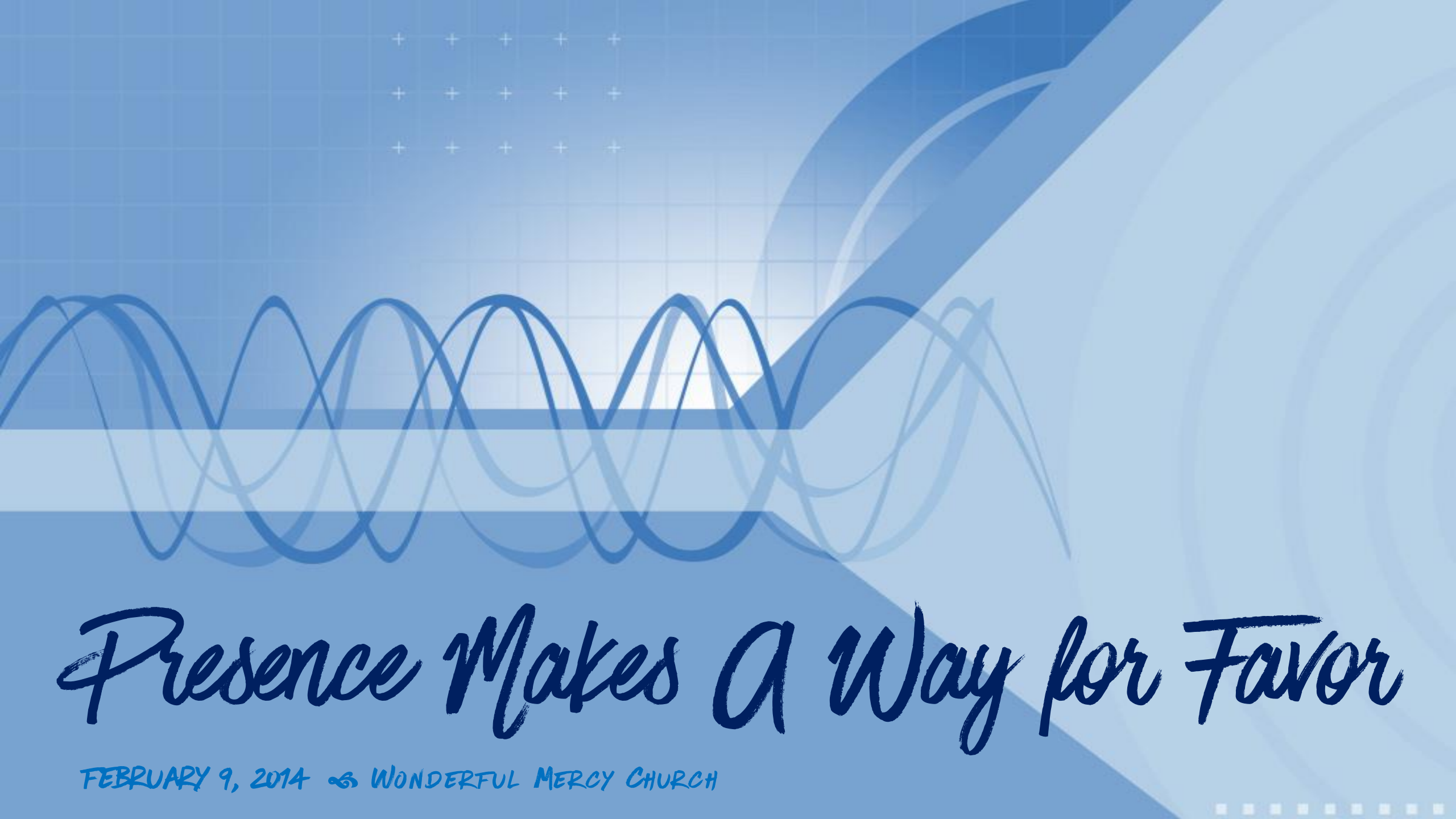
Favor Is Atmospheric

2 Corinthians 2:15a

“Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God.” [NLT]

Favor Is Stronger Than Whatever's Holding You Back

- Psalm 41:11 “I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.”
- *Hāpēs*: “The basic meaning is to feel great favor towards something” [Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament]



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