

Under Construction Series July 1, 2018

“Favor”

FAVOR: “GOD DOING FOR ME WHAT I CANNOT DO FOR MYSELF”

Nehemiah 1:11 “O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today”

Before we pray Nehemiah’s prayer, “God grant me success today,” we’ve got to ask ourselves a few questions.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 “Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes’ reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. So the king asked me, “Why are you looking so sad? You don’t look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled.” Then I was terrified, but I replied, “Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.” The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?” With a prayer to the God of heaven, I replied, “If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.” The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, “How long will you be gone? When will you return?” After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request. I also said to the king, “If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king’s forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself.” And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.”

If the favor of God is a possibility...

1. Stop underestimating _____ you are and _____ you are

*God has providentially placed you exactly where he wants you with exactly what you need to make difference.

2. Dream _____

“In every dream journey you have to quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. You have to after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention.” –Mark Batterson

3. _____ for God’s favor

Psalms 69:13 “But I keep praying to you, LORD, hoping this time you will show me favor”

1 Chronicles 4:10 “Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!” And God granted him what he requested.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 ESV “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

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