

The Rock House Church
June 11, 2017

Today **GOD IS MY**

"Focal Point"

TO FEAR GOD---IS TO REALLY LIVE
To Know the Truth--then LIVE the Truth---Will Change Everything

"TODAY'S WORD"

LET THE NATION SAY

Psalm 27:1-3 & 14

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION;
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?
THE LORD IS THE DEFENSE OF MY LIFE;
WHOM SHALL I DREAD?
WHEN EVILDOERS CAME UPON ME TO DEVOUR MY FLESH,
THEY STUMBLER AND FELL.
THOUGH A HOST ENCAMP AGAINST ME,
MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR;
THOUGH WAR ARISE AGAINST ME,
IN SPIE OF THIS I SHALL BE CONFIDENT."

"Wait for the LORD;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

*Yes, **wait for the LORD!**"*

TODAY'S ENCOURAGEMENT: "How is your heart today? A 'Thankful heart' brings so much fruit, good fruit; My fruit---Fruit like Love, peace and rest. How do you get a 'Thankful Heart?' Come apart with Me; away from all the noise and confusion of your today life---I will give you a "heart" upgrade. What would happen if you were to say 'Thank You,' for every issue or problem that comes your way today?

My Holy Spirit will prompt you when and how to say 'Thank You'---not just saying it--- but from your upgraded heart---A 'Thank You' that you will see from My view point---it will remove the mountain in front of you.

A 'Thankful Heart' bring a mental balance (nothing is just chance), a spiritual understanding (I'm involves in your everything) and physical health (I am giver of life): So this is My invite to you to come get from Me your gift today---An upgrade of your heart---'Thankful Heart!' Come today, ask, and receive today."

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you..."

1 Peter 1:8 "And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible..."

1 Peter 4:12 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you

Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit..."

Psalm 138:1 "I will give You thanks with all my heart"

[Galatians 6:9](#) "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap..."

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Today's Thinking: [Hebrews 6:13-7:3](#) 1) God is a **covenant** making, keeping, Father who's word cannot be changed! 2) Satan is a covenant braking deceiver, who's word is full of deceit and lies. 3) God, our Father provision for us is complete in Jesus, Who brings us through the veil into the presence of the Father; fulfilling Father "Covenant" to Adam, Abraham and to me.

TODAY'S Quote: Graham Cooke: "Favor is a growing focus on our privilege in Christ."

Feeling Stuck? But what if you're not? What if it's actually a brilliant opportunity to encounter God's favor instead? You can completely trust the God who adores you and adores the Christ in you. You already have full access to His favor.

So the question often becomes, "How do you connect with this favor?"

A quick answer is to "Ask a good question." My starting point in discovering God's favor is always: "Father, what is your highest good for me in this situation?"

This question elevates me to a place of looking for how Heaven is going to be attracted to me because Jesus is in me. Not to mention, it reminds me of the favor I have in every situation.

Favor is a growing focus on our privilege in Christ.

It is concentrating on the fact that God wants us to grow up in Christ in all things. This means there is going to be a continuous promotion in the Spirit, from the level where you're at now to the level where God really sees you.

Favor is God's divine advantage to provide everything we need for our development and a demonstration of His intentional bias towards us. Each of us is His favorite! It is where we are esteemed, approved, and accepted by God Himself and we revel in it.

Favor overwhelms us with who God is for us. We feel magnificent, wonderful and a hundred feet tall. **Beloved, in the kindest possible way, many of us could stand to have an upgrade in understanding our Divine advantage.**

- 1) *No one understands like Jesus; He's a Friend beyond compare.
Meet Him at the throne of mercy; He is waiting for You there.
No one understands like Jesus When the days are dark and grim.
No one is so near, so dear as Jesus; Cast Your every care on Him.*
- 2) *No understands like Jesus; Every woe He sees and feels.
Tenderly He whispers comfort, And the broken heart He heals.*
- 3) *No one understands like Jesus When the foes of life assail.
You should never be discouraged; Jesus cares and will not fail.*
- 4) *NO one understands like Jesus When you falter on the way.
Though you fail Him, sadly fail Him, He will pardon You today.*

*You didn't want heaven without us; So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now?
What a wonderful Name it is; What a wonderful Name it is; Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is; Nothing compares to this
Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You; You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory; For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal; Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory; Yours is the Name, above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is; What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against, The Name of Jesus!!*

****The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up****

TODAY'S HUMOR: There were two old geezers living in the backwoods of the Ozarks: Rufus and Clarence.

They lived on opposite sides of the river and they hated each other. Every morning, just after sunup, Rufus and Clarence would go down to their respective sides of the river and yell at each other. "Rufus!" Clarence would shout, "You better thank your lucky stars that I can't swim, er I'd swim this river and whup you!"

"Clarence!" Rufus would holler back, "You better thank YOUR lucky stars that I can't swim, er I'd swim this river and whup YOU!"

Every morning. Every day. For 20 years.

One day the Army Corps of Engineers came along and built a bridge. But the insults went on every morning. Every day. Another five years.

Finally, Mr. Rufus' wife had had enough. "Rufus!" she squallered one day, "I can't take no more! Every day for 25 years you've been threatenin' to whup Clarence. Well, thar's the bridge! Have at it!"

Rufus thought for a moment. Chewed his bottom lip for another moment.

"Woman!" he declared, snapping his suspenders into place. "I'm gonna whup Clarence!"

He walked out the door, down to the river, along the riverbank, came to the bridge, stepped up onto the bridge, walked about halfway over the bridge, then turned tail and ran screaming back to the house, slammed the door, bolted the windows, grabbed the shotgun and dove under the bed.

"Rufus!" cried the missus. "I thought you was gonna whup Clarence!"

"I was, woman, I was!" he whispered.

"What in tarnation is the matter?"

"Well," whispered the terror-stricken Rufus, "I walked halfway over the bridge and saw a sign that said 'Clearance, 13 feet, 6 inches.' He ain't never looked that big from the other side of the river!"

Oaks of Righteousness by [Os Hillman](#)

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"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor" (Isa. 61:3).

It was the worst time in my life. Feeling betrayed by God, I stormed out of the door and walked up the heavily wooded hill behind my house. Reaching the hilltop, I raged at God. "God!" I shouted, "Is this how you treat someone who is faithful to You?! I've waited and waited. I've worked and prayed. And for what? For this?" My lungs hurt and my throat was raw - but I had one more thing to say to God. "I hate You, God! I hate You!"

I sat down on an old oak tree that had broken at the base and was lying on the ground. For the next three hours, I sobbed uncontrollably, unable to speak, unable to pray. I wondered how God could abandon me. I wondered if He even existed. Maybe I had wasted my life believing in a myth.

Finally, I got up to leave. When I looked over at the fallen oak that I had sat on, I noticed something interesting. The fallen tree was pointed toward the base of another oak tree - a tree that stood strong and tall with wide spreading branches. At that moment, I heard a quiet voice inside me say, Today, like this broken oak tree, you are a broken man. But this brokenness was needed in order for you to become like the large, strong oak tree that stands before you.

Years later, I would look back and know that God Himself had spoken to me out of my period of darkness and silence.

Even when I raged at God and told Him I hated Him, God was faithful and forgiving. Today, He has replaced the ashes of my despair with the oil of gladness. He has planted me firmly like a strong and sturdy oak tree, and I live my life in gratitude for His mercy.

Do you find yourself in a dark place? Share your true feelings with God. You'll be surprised how well He is willing to listen.

*** *The "Words" of Jesus bring Assurance to our hearts so we can Believe. "Seek to live in MY Love."****

QUESTION: Why did, do you think, God gave you "2" ears and "1" mouth? [James 1:19](#)

Let's look at this Verse, [Philippians 4:13](#) "I can do ALL things through Him who strengthens me."

QUESTION: Do you believe this is true or false? A) True all the time; B) sometimes C) not true

Sanya Richards-Ross:

*It was all I could do to hang on and finish second in the world championships. For a twenty-year-old, second-year professional, that should feel like an accomplishment, but I was heartbroken. And not because I lost, **but because I beat myself** running someone else's race*

*It was a lesson learned. "They can't beat me if I run my best race" became a mantra I'd say before every race throughout my career. **The disappointment and devastation that come when you allow the circumstances around you to create a negative mind-set** were very real to me. As a young, still-maturing professional athlete, that loss in the 2005 world championships was one of the hardest things I've had to overcome. The moment I crossed the finish line, I knew I second-guessed myself to a second-place finish.*

[Isaiah 55:8-9](#) The LORD says, "My thoughts are not like yours. Your ways are not like mine.

Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.

[1Timothy 2:1-4](#)

"And he [President Trump] deserves our prayers and our support. I can't say it enough 'Pray.' Don't just talk about praying for the president, pray for the president! Pray, pray, pray!"

"It's easier to talk about prayer, preach about prayer, and teach about prayer than it is to pray. Let's start praying!"

We have been designed, but God is the designer. We are creatures, but God is the creator. We are limited, but God is not limited by anything. We control some things, but God is in sovereign control of everything. We have some power, but God is all-powerful. We know some things, but God is all-knowing. God, in other words, is beyond us in every respect. There is a lot of mystery when it comes to God.

God always seems to escape any attempts to categorize Him, limit Him, or put Him in a box.

The same is true with respect to God's thoughts. Just when we think we have God figured out, He does something totally unexpected. Our thoughts are not like His not only because we are sinful people and He is a Holy God, but also because we are limited creatures and He is the unlimited creator of all things.

At those times when what God is doing in our lives is hard to understand or figure out, we must trust Him. After all, His thoughts are not wrong thoughts; they are just higher thoughts. We must trust that "in everything God works for the good of those who love him" ([Romans 8:28](#)).

When it comes to God, trusting Him trumps understanding Him every time.

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