

Voice of Triumph



Volume 9 No. 5

"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate," Psalm 34:22

THE DIVINE UPGRADE—DON'T DISQUALIFY YOURSELF

It doesn't matter how you get your start. You still can end well. It doesn't matter if you started out great and your progress was hindered. You still can end well. The end of a thing is better than the beginning, but don't despise the day of small beginnings. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [complete] it until the day of Jesus Christ," * Philippians 1:6 "And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth." II Samuel 4:4. Any flaw could cause low self-image. Feeling useless, the self portrait of Mephibosheth mirrored a dead dog. God prescribes a recourse for the brokenhearted, the captive, the bound, the grief-stricken, the heavy-laden, and the hopeless. It is the healing anointing you welcome that streams from the Holy Spirit who gives you the divine upgrade as found in Isaiah 61st chapter. **Redeemed.** "Then shall the redeemed of the Lord shall return [with an upgrade to first-class, no more coach], and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning [even sighing] shall flee away [grief cannot stay in the same place with joy]." Isaiah 51:11. **Resurrected.** "But if the Spirit of him [God] that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies [so you can fly, run, or walk, but you don't have to crawl] by his Spirit that dwelleth in you [habitation, not just visitation]." Romans 8:11. **Raised.** "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us [unconditionally], even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ [his love repositioned us at the same level], by grace ye are saved;) [even though it looked like we were an investment to avoid] and hath raised us up together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" Ephesians 2:4-6. How can get a better harvest than the seed that was sown by the enemy? Through redemption, resurrection, and you being raised up.

THERE IS NO COMPARISON: FAVOR SURPASSES LABOR

Someone is looking desperately for you to dispose favor. This party keeps inquiring about you but you may not even know it. This party keeps asking about you is of great status. In fact, he desires to shower you with abundance from your ancestors. Imagine that! He wants to see to it that you have peace of mind, all the time, even in the midst of adversity. He wants to restore what was lost. He wants to make sure you have what is rightfully yours. Don't think that it can't be you! Now let's visit II Samuel 9th chapter so you will see the possibility of a favorable kingly inheritance. The chapter begins with King David asking about any living relatives of Saul. Knowing innocent blood had been shed, he was not sure if anyone was left. One of the Saul's former servants knew of the grandson's whereabouts. Mephibosheth lived in Lodebar with someone else. This signifies that he did not have even enough to live independently. The Hebrew language terms Lodebar as *pastureless*. If animals did not have grass to graze, one might assume no animals abided there as well. Mephibosheth, the former royal, remained in hiding, most likely fearing for his life and own family. After King David sent for him this is what he decreed to him. "...Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually...he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons," II Samuel 9:7, 11. With favor there is **position**, i.e. an extension of the covenant as an adopted son, no longer a servant to the king. After he lost his father and grandfather, he was chosen into a new family. With favor there is **preservation** i.e., an invitation to dine at the royal table to commune with the king always. Mephibosheth had more than enough to be sustained with the restoration, but fellowship was an indelible sign of never being forgotten. With favor, there are **possessions** i.e., the restoration of land, property, and servants that belonged his grandfather, a former king. King David did not withhold anything from Mephibosheth. Affirm yourself daily. Say aloud: By Jesus' blood, I have moved from labor and favor. Now I am going from favor to favor. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold," Proverbs 22:1. In other words, favor is better than money because the other who favors you makes all his resources available to you, including his money. By the end of the chapter, Mephibosheth had more than a revelation, he had a manifestation of the king's promises. If you stop believing, you won't have anything at the end of your chapter, but your own labor. Never stop trusting to receive the favor of the King.

A publication of the

KATHRYN JOY FOSTER

MUSIC MINISTRIES

P.O. BOX 19430

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44119

(216) 486-8615, ext.1, (OFFICE)

(216) 486-2727 (FAX)

kjfm@sbcglobal.net (EMAIL)

Thought for Transformation
Favorable arrangements have already been made for your future. You may not see them yet, but you can know they are there as well as where they are. God never wants to leave you suspecting. Seek the Lord's presence and power and you will know God's favor. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth so you will discern a "knowing" for all your due seasons. 1) Drought Reversed. "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, Isaiah 43:18,19. 2) Accelerated Downpour." "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth," Hosea 6:3.

Kingly Anointing like Jesus
David demonstrated that he made divinely directed decisions. He had: 1) Honor-valuing God and all others. 2) Mercy-forgiving others' failures no matter how guilty. 3) Favor-giving a surplus so no one went away empty-handed. 4) Grace-supplying more than others thought they were worth. Selah!

Read John Bevere's Honor's Reward, How to Attract God's Favor and Blessing