

## Surprise Assignments...Part Four...Grace for My Place

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Life can hit you hard...but...Don't lose hope and get comfortable in unbelief.

“God can transform every situation in my life...for my good...and His glory!”

God can cause all things, even evil attacks, to work for His glory and the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose...

**Romans 8:28** “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

### Key Promises

**Genesis 50:20** “ But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

**Genesis 41:16** “And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”

**Genesis 41:16** “Joseph answered Pharaoh, “Not by myself. God will give Pharaoh a good answer.”

**Ruth 1:15-17** “And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said:“Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also,If anything but death parts you and me.”

**Ruth 2:1** “There was a relative of Naomi’s husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor.”And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”

## Grace For My Place...

**1 Cor. 15:10** “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

God’s grace comes to transform our lives.

Grace is God’s undeserved favor, His unmerited love. It is something that God gives us or does for us or enables us to do that we did not earn or deserve.

The Old Covenant was DO and LIVE...By works and obedience to the law we are accepted and justified.

The New Covenant is LIVE and DO... Not “in order to ...” but “because of ...” Become what you are (children of God – like Him)... Spirit empowered.

Grace is God’s unmerited favor...Grace and Favor go together...twins! And there’s one more.... His goodness!

- **2 Pet. 1:2, AMP:** May grace (God’s favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
- Grace is God’s favor upon you because God is grace, God is mercy and God is good and He loves you and wants to manifest His grace in fullness upon your life beyond natural intelligence, qualifications, or your ability. The grace and favor of God can be acknowledged, believed, and declared over your life. We must fill our mouths with favor prayer, favor words, and favor faith. Believe and speak His favor over our lives.
- There is great grace today for all that comes your way! Stir it up!
- Grace is empowering.
- Satan can’t keep God from giving you grace... but he tries to cause you to waste it.
- I won’t waste the grace God gives me...for my place!
- What I’m called to go through...I’m graced to go through.
- I’m graced to fill my place.

- God’s grace is what sustains us in this life to deal with the daily grind... “Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages). Do not be carried about by different and varied and alien teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established and ennobled and strengthened by means of grace (God’s favor and spiritual blessing) and not [to be devoted to] foods [rules of diet and ritualistic meals], which bring no [spiritual] benefit or profit to those who observe them. (**Hebrews 13:8–9 Amp.**)
- God graced Joseph with favor to serve before He graced him with favor to rule.
- God graced Ruth to serve before He graced her to rule.
- Don’t follow leaders who have never learned to serve.
- I’m graced to serve where I am.
- Favor needs to be planted where I am today.

**2 Kings 4...** A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.”<sup>2</sup> So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.”<sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few.”<sup>4</sup> And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.”<sup>5</sup> So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. <sup>6</sup> Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” So the oil ceased. <sup>7</sup> Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.”

- God’s favor is attracted to capacity...  
God is a gap filler.

### **Favor can be painful.**

- A prophetic word...God is saying... I’ve used you to bless everybody else...I know they forgot you...but I’ve got you... I’ve seen and I’ve heard and I have not forgotten you and everything you’ve prayed and whispered to me through hot tears I will bring it to pass...and you will bring a divine shift to your family...your present and your future... and be a game changer to generations...you are graced for this place.
- **Eph. 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

- **2 Cor. 12:9** And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”
- Establish your heart in it...Believe for it...Confess it...Receive it by faith... Imagine it...Start exercising it.

## **What did Joseph and Ruth do to allow the dream and miracle to take place?**

### **1. They persevered in faith through hard times.**

- Those who see their God-given dreams fulfilled are the ones who persevere through tough times. They are the people who refuse to quit. Their tenacity and perseverance and faith win out.

### **2. They kept the blessing by maintaining their character and attitude...**

- Refused to compromise under pressure.
- Stayed grateful... **Genesis 40:5-7** “Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man’s dream in one night and each man’s dream with its own interpretation. <sup>6</sup> And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in the custody of his lord’s house, saying, “Why do you look so sad today?”
- Stayed hopeful... **Ruth 2:2**...So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor.”And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”
- Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings...turn routine jobs into joy, and change surprising and difficult assignments into blessings and steps toward our dreams and destiny.

### **3. They didn’t wait for the stage to shine...**

- Don’t wait for the stage to release your gifts.

- They diligently applied their natural gifts (leadership, administration, caretaker)—They were faithful in any situation (slavery, jail, Pharaoh’s court, in Moab, on the journey back, In Bethlehem, Boaz’s field)
- BLOOM WHERE YOU’RE PLANTED!
- Our character is reflected in our work. Favor should be reflected in our everyday grind...

In Jesus’ Name I am hidden in Christ my Savior. I am righteous in Christ, accepted and sealed. I am entitled to the covenant grace and favor of Jesus that is and will continually surround me. I expect the grace and favor of God to be upon me, through me, and around me wherever I go and in whatever I do. I declare grace and favor to be my shield from anything and everything the enemy may seek to throw my way. I am blessed with favor in my life, my work, my business, and my home...**IN EVERY DAILY TASK AND ASSIGNMENT.** I am the head and not the tail. I am set above, not below. I am positioned to experience the immeasurable, unsurpassable, unimaginable grace of God. I choose now to believe for the best in my life and for my future no matter what the circumstances or assignment. Yes, I believe....Yes I believe....Yes I believe favor is for me and I accept God’s grace, goodness and favor starting right now and increasing every day! **I WILL FAITHFULLY DAY BY DAY BE FAITHFUL WITH GOD’S FAVOR!**