



# TALK IT OVER

Favor

## BOTTOM LINE

You can never increase the love of God for you. You can increase His favor.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What does it mean to do a favor for someone? Who did a favor for you this week? Or what favor did you do?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Favor explanation](#) by Craig Groeshel (51 sec.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

1 Peter 5:5 NLT

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.*

James 4:10 NLT

*For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory.*

*The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.*

Psalms 84:11 NLT

*I have sought your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.* Psalm 119:58 NIV

"Having God's favor doesn't necessarily mean you're going to have everyone else's favor. You don't have your Enemy's favor, and he stirs up a lot against you. The favor of the Lord means that when the whole world is against you, you still have Him." – Dwight Mason

"No one talks to you more than you." – Dwight Mason

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Words have power. What are some of the most powerful words or phrases you know? When have you experienced words lifting you? Burdening you? Words have the power of life and death – how? What does the word favor mean? God loves everyone with the same measure of love, but not everyone has the same measure of favor. What does that mean? How do you recognize humility? How do you know whether or not YOU are humble? What is the connection between humility and favor? Favor eliminates envy. Favor allows you to truly forgive. Favor eliminates the fear of missing out. Favor enables provision and protection. Discuss. God says that His favor makes us rich without adding sorrow with it. How does that differ from our experience with seeking the favor of people? Luke 2:52 says that Jesus increased in favor with God and people. He increased in favor with God daily by surrendering His will to God's agenda. How can I intentionally emulate Him and increase in favor too?

## ACTION STEP

I will be like the psalmist and seek God's favor with my whole heart by intentionally surrendering my personal plans and agenda to His will. I will do it by \_\_\_\_\_.