

Series: Starting Strong

Message: Storyboard Your Life-A Preferred Future January 13, 2013

Personal Vision—A Preferred Future

God's part: God has a unique, personal and prosperous plan for you. Jeremiah 29:11

Your part: He wants to give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37: 4

Pray

Plan

Trust

Align

THE FAVOR OF GOD IS:

The guarantee of His presence and the provision of His power to accomplish His special purpose in and through my life.

Expect frame your world with favor.

Recognize Open your eyes to opportunity.

Respond Give yourself to obedience.

Food For thought :

Read the account of Moses:

A key point of God's vision for your life is to know Him better. What can you learn from Moses' discussion with God?

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Exodus 33:12-17 ESV

- What's keeping you from daily recognizing God's favor in your life?
- What steps will you take to remove these distractions?
- How do you need God's favor in your life right now?

Our trust and understanding of who God is as the object of our faith can either diminish or heighten the sometimes paralyzing effect of doubt. How might the following verses help build your confidence in God in the midst of doubt?

Psalm 25:8

Psalm 89:11

Psalm 145:9-10

James 1:17

What steps will you take this week to set a plan in place for your preferred future?

Write it down.

Write it as a prayer.

Write it as a confession of what has already come to pass.

Share it with someone.

Do one thing everyday that moves you in the right direction.

Daily align yourself with God.

The Expansion Project:

Prayer:

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.

Each week, as a church, we will pray together for God's leading in our lives and in our community. Here is a list of things to pray about this week:

Pray for specific doors (opportunity) to be opened for Pastor Jeff.

Pray that Real Life would find favor in the hearts of others.

Pray that we would have a Kingdom mindset (not my will but God)

Pray for barriers (walls) to come down:

- More space
- In people hearts toward God
- For more opportunity to show love to others

Pray for the leadership of Real Life for wisdom and courage.

Begin praying and planning on how you can give to the expansion project.

What can I give?

What is my faith step in trusting God to do more than I think possible?

What resources do I have?

- Income
- Investments
- Overtime
- Tax returns
- Reduce spending
- Etc.