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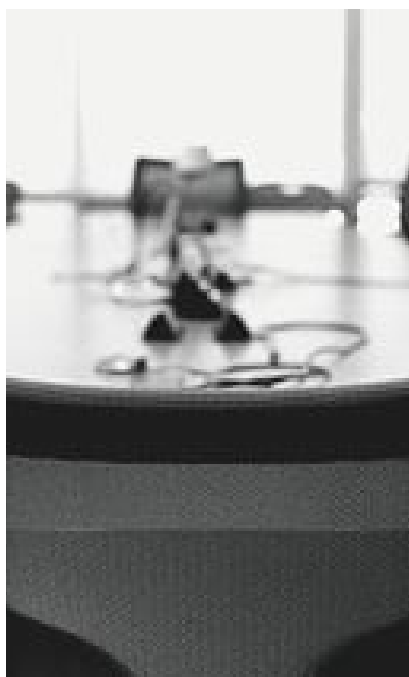
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The Lord has crowned **2021** as a season of **VISION FULFILLMENT, RESTORATION & OVERFLOW**. Let's place a faith demand on what God is saying and doing and gain momentum in the spirit. We will not become static but will remain dynamic with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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## DISPENSATION OF GRACE A TIME OF GOD'S FAVOR

I recently saw within my spirit an environment of FOG. Yet, this was not a natural atmospheric FOG, but a spiritual FOG.

I knew from experience in ministry and past fellowship with the LORD that He was referring to THE FAVOR OF GOD. (FOG)

We are living within a DISPENSATION OF GRACE, A TIME OF GOD'S FAVOR.

Theologically speaking, "***a dispensation can be defined as a period of time in which people are given an opportunity to prove their obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God***".

Since the beginning of time there has been SEVEN dispensations that we need to be aware of:

1. Innocence
2. Conscience
3. Human Government
4. Promise
5. Law.
- 6. Grace**
7. Divine Government

The Apostle Paul speaks of "DISPENSATION" and "GRACE".

However, the way dispensation is defined within the context of Paul's communication is different than what we've just defined.

The Greek root word for dispensation is "Oikonomos", meaning:

- Administration
- Stewardship and
- **Dispensation**

Listen to these words from the Apostle Paul.

**Ephesians 3:2-5** – If ye have heard of the **dispensation** of the **grace** of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by **revelation** he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which *in other ages* [other generations] was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Dispense is the root word for dispensation and it means to administer or deal out in portions like a steward. In Europe, many pharmacies are even called dispensaries.

The dispensation of a President could also be called the administration of his Presidency. Let's put this together for you.

The Apostle Paul was given revelation of the GRACE of God and was **also** given the opportunity and privilege of **stewarding** that revelation, **administering** that revelation or we could say **dispensing** that revelation of Grace.

You and I now have the opportunity to prove ourselves faithful to the revelation of GRACE that has come and is coming to us.

What is the GRACE of God?

Divine Influence, God's Willingness To Use His Authority and His Ability In Our Behalf Although We Don't Deserve It. Unearned **Favor**, An Office, or God's Gratuitous Nature.

Although, FAVOR is one of the definitions of GRACE, it has a slightly different nuance to it. FAVOR is preferential treatment, or approval. FAVOR is a manifestation of the MERCY of God. ***You'll often find GRACE, MERCY and FAVOR linked together.***

Allow me to validate with scripture:

The **GRACE** of God and the **MERCY** of God are often connected.

**Genesis 19:19** – Behold now, thy servant hath found **grace** in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy **mercy**, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life;

**Hebrews 4:16** – Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of **grace**, that we may obtain **mercy**, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

The **MERCY** of God and the **FAVOR** of God are **also** often connected. It is Mercy that provides an opportunity for favor.

**Psalms 102:13** – Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

**Genesis 39:21-23** – "THE LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and HE GAVE HIM FAVOR in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper"

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On the day that you and I received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we were made the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God. We received the Blessing of Abraham and God's FAVOR.

**Psalm 5:12** - For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous: with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Although God's GRACE and FAVOR is available to you as a Christian, that doesn't mean that you'll experience manifestations automatically.

We must expect FAVOR!  
We must speak FAVOR!

In other words, we must release our faith for the FAVOR of God.

**Say the following words with me:**

**I expect the FAVOR of God to manifest in my life today.** That was easy! We must look for FAVOR every day. Some expect negative circumstances. Yet, you should walk by faith, looking for FAVOR at every turn.

**Somebody is looking to show me FAVOR today, this week, right now. FAVOR is looking for me.** This is how faith is released. We release faith with the mouth. Faith is how we access favor and grace.

**Romans 5:2** - By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God

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## HEAR YOUR MEASURE OF FAITH

Your faith is initially measured by what you hear.

Your faith as a Christian will not bypass the Word of God ... that you hear, receive and believe. In beginning to share this angle of insight with you, we'll need to look at a couple of scriptural references concerning the hearing of faith.

Beginning with Romans chapter ten and verse seventeen.

**Romans 10:17** - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the (RHEMA) Word of God.

Let's also read two verses from Matthew chapter fourteen.

**Matthew 14:28** - And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Watch how this unfolds! Jesus will now release a WORD OF FAITH to Peter.

**Vs 29** – And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

The word “**COME**” contained Peter’s ... **MEASURE** of faith ... for water walking.

Peter is the one disciple who inquired about water walking. Although, there were other disciples in the boat, Peter was the only one who heard “**COME**” with faith.

There is a measure of faith contained in every Word you hear and receive from God.

Praise God!

Your hearing of God’s Rhema Word allows for faith to come. Once faith has arrived, you could then release this faith through your words or other forms of corresponding actions and connect with the power of God.

Faith is the power connection. Yet, the hearing of God’s Rhema is the catalyst.

Faith “measures” ... come ... with the hearing of Words ... from God.

By way of illustration: Imagine two people having similar financial challenges, and both spent time meditating the scripture reference of Philippians chapter four and verse nineteen; which says; “**God would supply all your need according to His riches of glory by Christ Jesus**” God could then, by His Spirit, speak a specific Rhema to one ... out of that verse ... and then speak a different Rhema to the other. What either would hear, would provide the ... measure of faith needed to navigate their specific challenge.

If either were to act on what God would have said to the other, it could be considered a mis-measurement of faith.

Why? Because, you can only act on what God is saying to you by His Spirit. Of course whatever God speaks ... should always be in harmony with His written (LOGOS) Word.

We need both the (RHEMA) Word and the (LOGOS) Word. We need both the Word and the Spirit. John 6:63

Consider the following illustrations concerning Jesus’ ministry to some leprous men found in scripture:

(1) In one specific case, there were ten **lepers** of whom Jesus had sent to show themselves to the priests ... **before** they were cleansed. Interestingly, a leper was not to show himself to the priests **unless** he was cleansed.

Nevertheless ... **As they went**, they were healed. Luke 17:14

They could not have had faith to show themselves to the priests ... prior to being cleansed, **without** those faith giving **Words** from Jesus ... “**Go show yourselves to the priests**” Luke 17:11-15

Hearing those Words brought ... the **measure** of faith ... needed for them to get manifestation.

The next illustration **also** involves a leper, yet, in this instance the healing came in a different way.

We could say; ... each situation was tailor-made.



(2) In the book of Mark and chapter one and verses forty through forty-two, a leper who sought Jesus for healing, said these Words: "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

And then Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. Mark 1:40-42

This leper heard a different set of Words, than the lepers outlined in the book of Luke chapter seventeen.

Both instances were different and unique.

In either instance, ... the measure of faith ... needed for healing ... was connected to ... by the specific words ... which they heard ... from Jesus.

Here's what Jesus said in the book of John chapter six and verse sixty-three.

**John 6:63** - It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **Words** that **I speak** ... unto **you**, ... they ... are spirit, and ... they ... are life.

God has a Word of Faith ... for **you**.

Let God author your faith!

A clothing-tailor measures your body to perfectly fit your suit ... to you. In the same manner, there are ... rhema-Words, ... faith-Words ... which God has tailored for your specific situation and season.

Although, the written (LOGOS) Word of God is the general Word for all of us. There are some specific things which God would say to you. There are RHEMA Words which God would speak specifically to you.

A Rhema Word will always be supported by the LOGOS Word of God.

The beginning of your **faith** journey as a Christian ... was measured by what you heard. I am referring to that day ... when you heard and received the gospel of Christ preached to you.

You were born again and received God's very own faith.

Every Rhema Word from God carries with it, a measure of faith for the recipient of that Word.

There is so much more to share on this topic, but we will park here for now..

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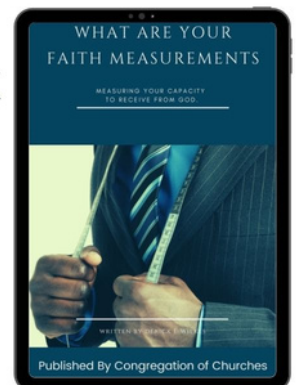
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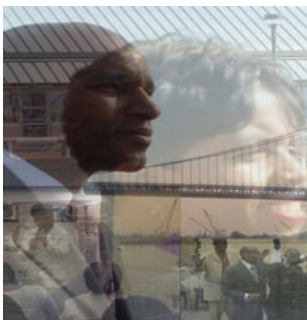
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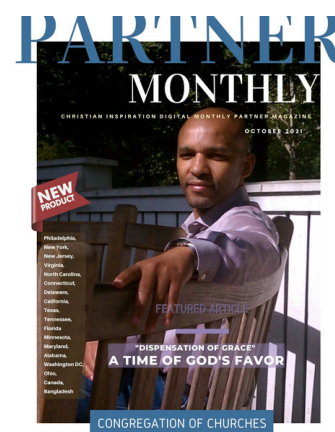
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# Consider An Offering

**Mark 4:26** – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

**Luke 8:11** – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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