

## Flourishing in the Rain 10

### Flourish with Unprecedented Favor

How in Christ we can experience the unprecedented favor and goodness of God as heirs of the world

Flourish Seeking a Rewarding God

Hebrews 11:6

He is, and that He is a **Rewarder** of those who **diligently seek** Him. NKJV

**Reward you - just making the effort**

Read word – call friends – desire to give

Seek him. Don't seek blessing – **blesser**

– Don't fall in love – got to

Got to have this **promotion** – breakthrough - child - all stressed – work **day and nite** 24/7 – didn't enjoy process

Seek His Way

Isaiah 50:11

Some of you want to light your own fires and make your own light. So, go, walk and trust your own light to guide you. But this is what you'll receive... a place of **pain**. NCV

Seen many young people – chose their way

– not walk in God's will – parent's advice – of course – **cant force** – even God cant – **let go** let God

2 Cor 6:14

Many go ahead – hoping – guy converted -

**huge risk** – life too precious to gamble - \$

Seen many cases – few months – never see him

Your life and fut children – life too precious to gamble

If gamble with money – bad – still get it back – but life too precious – only one life

**Huge risk or gamble (with life)**

No common **vision** and **value** – blocking the flow of the commanded blessing. No **power** to sustain and enrich the marriage.

No common vision – round and round –

**dreams** not fulfilled - no **commanded** blessing

No common value – belief – strives – **block flow** God's blessing

No **power** – need God kind of love

1 in 2; 1 in 1286 - need God's power

Seek His Strength

... crown your efforts with success. TLB

Seek Him even in area of your strength

Eph 1:3-15

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, NKJV

Sp blessings – peo think –only – joy peace

happiness char – **GEN** – sp elephant – **THY** kingdom come

Actually – blessings from Holy Spirit – Gen – moving over the surface – let there be light – sp light

He created all trees, animals – not sp elephants  
Thy Kingdom come on earth as in heaven

What kind of blessings

Eph 2

*7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. NKJV*

**Exceeding** 'υπερβαλλω: **Lit.** To throw beyond the usual mark;

unprecedented, surpassing, exceeding, accelerated increase.

Unprecedented favor - In past – exp some fav – opport

– coming days – exp **surpassing** fav goodness – never **seen** bef

God planned - **unmatched** – **unpara** – **unimaginable** - tip

what seen – tip of ice berg

– new doors – opport

Pas – way earning – 40 yrs bef pay off

house – why don't believe – unpre fav:

pay off **loan** – **earn** so much – **tithe** amt earn last; **boy**

God not just able to pay off loan – buy someone a house

Why don't you believe unpre fav – earn so much – you able to tithe – amt you earn last yr - 90%

John Haggai and Rich

If I missed this boy – ano – unpre way better

**REWARDER** - Pay master – remunerator

thank God for good - dont limit – go beyond

He is – redeemer, healer, miracle worker, comforter, protector

Reward big - **Not** doing God a favor –

believe **less** - why – **awesome** God

Storm – **rebuke** – oh man of little faith – not receiving **more** – less!

How exp the unpre fav? Why so **confident**?

**1. You are chosen before Christ**

*Eph 1: 4 Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,*

Chosen – uncommon – bef Him – in love

12 disciples – not chosen more **talented** – **qualified**

ord – weakness – flaws

I don't have – quali – connection - ability

If he used a consulting firm - get this result  
*God does not always call the qualified, but He is faithful to qualify the called.*

**2. You are destined for greatness thru' Christ**

*Eph 1:5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. NKJV*

### What does it mean to predestined or destined?

Destined – sons - royalty

Not just anyone – child – supernat  
**connection**

Thru Christ – good **pleasure** – wants us –  
like us

Not just tolerate – unconditional love

**Destined:** *God sees the ending – what we can be in Christ.*

God **looks** at us as what we **can be**

We – **surface** – what he is

God looks at us – what we **can be**

Diamond – not charcoal

**Peter** – Andrew – we see - rough fisher man  
– denied

God sees – peo - change the world

One who would stand up – 3000 saved

**Matt** – we see a despised tax man – writer  
of the Gospel

**Gideon**

### **3. You are accepted in the Beloved**

*Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

Accepted – in the beloved (Christ)

avored, honoured, charming Accepted

not becos – how good **you** are – how good  
**he** is!

God **chose and use** us while we are still in  
the **process** of change.

**Chosen - use** us **while** in the process

Think of – **Rahab**; Ruth, **Moses**; **David**,  
**Joshua** – all **imperf**

– mother of Boaz – Jesse – David

God can use us **despite** our weaknesses

Sometimes – **idea** – **if dad** – perf obey – if

**husb** loving - subm – if **boss** good –

respect – if **leader** – perf - honor

God chose – accept – use – while process

**Miriam** – has this **prob - Num 12**

rose up talk against Moses

when saw weakness – marry wrong person –  
it's real weakness

Num 12:1-13

12:1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against  
Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had  
married a Cushite.

2 "Has the LORD spoken only through  
Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken  
through us?" And the LORD heard this. ...

Att – **if leader perf** – then respect – fact – by  
grace God accepts uses us as we are – same  
**parent**

Same – called honor parent – not perfect – fact  
– called to be our parents – our sake

8 Why then were you not afraid to speak  
against my servant Moses?"

God accepted Moses despite - use

9 The anger of the LORD burned against  
them, and he left them.

God not the one **cursed** her – OT – lost his  
presence and his protection

10 When the cloud lifted from above the Tent,  
there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow.

*2 Cor 4:7*

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,  
that the excellence of the power may be of God  
and not of us. NKJV

*God chose to use people in all their  
**imperfections.***

**Jacob** – manipulator; **Noah** - drunk

**Jonah** – ran from God; **Gideon** – fear

**Marry** – worrier; **Thomas** - doubter

**Sarah** – impatient; **Eligah** – depressive  
moody

**Moses** – stutterer – **Zaccheus** – short

**Lazarus** dead

Golf **ball** – designed – with dimples –  
imperfections

that perfectly smooth better – travel half the  
dist –

Dimples create less wind resistance – allow  
– ball go further

Pianist - **Paderoski**

Complete your incomplection

Vision **Hour** – if perf – not welcome – spoil  
fun

### **4. You are forgiven by the superlative value of His life**

*Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through  
His **blood**, the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches of His grace*

Forgiveness – thru blood – life in the blood

8 which He made to abound toward us in all  
wisdom and prudence,9 having made known to  
us the mystery of His will, according to His  
good pleasure which He purposed in  
Himself,10 that in the dispensation of the  
fullness of the times He might gather together  
in one all things in Christ, both which are in  
heaven and which are on earth -- in Him.

### Why was Judas not restored while Peter was restored?

Why **Judas** – not restored – grace not  
sufficient ?

**Prob** is with Judas – **small pict** of Jesus –  
**bottle** of perfume - Last supper table -  
**Rabbi**

– not worth – bottle of perfume

Called him **rabbi** – surely not me – betrayed  
you – **cant receive**

Je – not just a Rabbi – **I AM** –bef Abraham

Even **Pilate** *unconsciously* proclaim him – I  
**AM**

*As you see Jesus as He really is – “the I  
**AM**”, you will be able to receive much from  
Him.*

By the **stripes** of Je – only see sm – cant  
receive

When **pray** – care – don’t be overfam – true  
– friend – remember Lord – see **big** –  
receive big

See him as a bro – cant receive –  
overfamiliar – cant receive

Same way – receive **prophet** – reward – if  
too **overfam** – friend friend – **cant** receive

*Jeremiah 33:7-9*

7 I will bring my people back from captivity  
and will rebuild them as they were before.

8 I will cleanse them from all the sin they have  
committed against me and will forgive all their  
sins of rebellion against me.

9 Then this city will bring me renown, joy,  
praise and honor before all nations on earth that  
hear of all the good things I do for it; and they  
will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant  
prosperity and peace I provide for it.’ NIV

#### **5. You are caused to inherit in Christ**

*Eph 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an  
inheritance, being predestined according to  
the purpose of Him who works (energized)  
all things according to the counsel of His  
will,*

**Inheritance** – destined – according  
purpose – work (**energise**) all things  
God is all the time at work – behind scene  
arranging things in your favor

**Capacity to create wealth**

*Deuteronomy 8:18*

18 Always remember that it is the LORD your  
God who gives you power to become rich, and  
he does it to fulfill the covenant he made with  
your ancestors. NLT

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be  
to the praise of His glory.

God gives you the capacity to create wealth  
– **head** not tail

**What does it mean to be the head and  
not the tail?**

*Leaders are trailblazers.*

Pioneers – cowboys – take on new  
territories – build roads and rail – **easier**  
for rest to follow

Set higher std, spearhead new breaks  
Redemption lift

**Business – profession - pastors**

**Fathers** – called to be leaders – may  
struggle – but have a big vision – unusual  
blessings - impact to next gen

One gen must be better – precious gen

People of world wont be **impressed** by your  
sp riches!

*Genesis 45:25-28*

Bros tell Jacob – Joseph alive – Jacob  
stunned and don’t believe – till – saw cart  
27 But when they told him everything  
Joseph had said to them, and when he  
saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry  
him back ... Jacob said, "I'm convinced!  
My son Joseph is still alive ..." NIV

#### **6. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Christ**

*Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you  
heard the word of truth, the gospel of your  
salvation; in whom also, having believed,  
you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of  
promise,*

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until  
the redemption of the purchased possession, to  
the praise of His glory. NKJV

**Sealed by Holy Spirit – guarantor**

**Secured – authentic (Sirim)**

*Acts 2:11*

... we hear them declaring the wonders of  
God in our own tongues!" NIV

More you **pray** in Holy Spirit – **Declaring**  
the wonderful works of God – speaking to  
the mt

#### **Brother in Christ**

Dear Pastor Joshua,

Thank you for sharing the Word on how to  
‘**Flourish by speaking to the mountain**’. I  
**applied** what you taught; *if I don’t speak to the  
mountain, the mountain will speak to me.*

There is a vacant manager position in my  
company and I applied for **that position**.  
Before going through the aptitude test and  
interview sessions, I **spoke to the  
mountains** of fear, obstacles and  
impossibilities, and **ask God to grant me  
favour** with the panel of interviewers. I  
**meditated and confessed** the word in Isaiah  
61:7 *...my people will receive a double portion  
...double portion in their land, and everlasting  
joy will be theirs.* A few days ago, I was  
informed that I have been **successful** in my  
application. Indeed I am **doubly blessed** due  
to:

- This new position is **double the grade** of my  
current position.
- I am starting this new position with a **new  
salary**.

I praise the Lord for **His goodness!** Thank you,  
Pastor Joshua for **sharing the Word** and  
Pastor Elisa for your **prayers**. Thank you,  
Jesus for **His perfect timing and favour upon  
my life.**  
*Brother-in-Christ*

#### **7. You are seated with Christ**

*Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us,  
God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive  
with Christ even when we were dead in  
transgressions-it is by grace you have been*

*saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. NIV*

**Rest your way to your inheritance**

First day of week – first part of day – His presence – receive – overflowing favor, protection, wis (discernment)

**Declare everyday: In Christ ...**

***Chosen – destined – in the Beloved***

***Accepted – forgiven – riches of His grace***

***Inheritance – sealed – by the Holy Spirit***

***Seated – with Christ in High places***

I have been **chosen** and **destined** to be uncommon according to His good pleasure.

I have been **accepted** and **forgiven** according to the riches of His grace.

I received an **inheritance** which is **sealed** and guaranteed by the Holy Spirit

I am **seated** with Christ and rest my way to

**unprecedented** favor

**To : Jesus, Son of Joseph  
Carpenter Shop of Nazareth**

**From: Jordan Management Consultants  
Sdn Bhd**

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes for the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the tests through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultants. The profiles of all tests are included, and you'll want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our services for your guidance, we make some general comments. It is the staff's opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitudes for the type of enterprise you are undertaking.

They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capabilities.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper.

Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership.

Two brothers – James and John – the sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above company interest.

Thomas demonstrate a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.

We feel it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.

James and Thaddaeus definitely have radical learnings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He's a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your comptroller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.