

Road to Glory 2019 Tim Ahrenholtz

The bible talks about the church being built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. You have been a part of the foundational ministry of w4j from the beginning and stepped up to a whole new level this year in helping to reach the island of Andros. Focus on the Prophetic... How important is the FAVOR OF GOD TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROPHET in this end time move?

The Year of the LORD'S Favor

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
²to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor

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John 15: ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.**

1. There are no foundational ministries without favor.

Eph 4: ¹¹ **So Christ himself gave** the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

2. There is no true prophetic without the favor of the Lord

John 10:2 He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, **and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.**

3. There is no end time move without the favor of God.

Acts 2: ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:¹⁷““In the last days, **God says, I will pour out my Spirit** on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

The truth is without the favor of God we can't be saved. I can't even come to God unless the Father draws me. While I was a sinner He loved me and gave Himself up for me. **That is foundational favor.** To receive the benefits of Gods favor I must believe in His only begotten Son who demonstrated God's goodness, and paid the wages for my sin. Believing attaches us to the favor of God. I am invited to be an adopted child of God, with access to the God of heaven my Father by the

blood of Jesus. I am seated in Christ in heavenly places. **This is positional favor.** Now by faith, I have a heavenly Father who loves and disciplines me, who I submit to as Lord of my life. As I am obedient to Him and learn His ways, I become like Him, with not only inputted righteousness, but with obedience and sanctification. **This is relational favor.** As I grow in relationship with Him I begin to care about what my Father cares about. He being a good Father, knowing His children, he leads me in paths of righteousness for His name sake, to fulfill the destiny of my life. **This is directional favor.** Of course I cannot do the works of God without the empowerment of God. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **This is favor for empowerment.**

Mk 16: ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Jesus is our example. He quoted Isaiah 61:1 as He began His ministry. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me BECAUSE the Lord has anointed me TO". If we look at the men and women of God who had favor they all had a job to do for the kingdom of God on the earth. Favor of God often comes with a Job description that requires faith and perseverance to bring the plan of God to the earth. Hebrews 11 is full of examples of such saints.

As men and women of God we are invited to participate in His plan on the earth. When we say yes He gives us direction, not the whole picture, just enough to get started. As we step out in faith He encourages us, provides for us, and empowers us. **We could never do the works of God without such favor.**

How important is favor to the office of the prophet in the end time move of God? The message of the soon coming Christ will never be clear without it. The earth in the last days is a terrifying ungodly place. The true word of the Lord will be persecuted hated and made to look silly. Without the favor of God to direct and empower us we will be overrun. But that is not the plan of God. **His plan is to have His kingdom represented clearly, powerfully, lovingly to bring in a mighty harvest of souls.**