

2024-A Season of Supernatural Growth and Favor

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What we do around here is we equip the saints for the work of the ministry. We're equipping you to do the ministry. That's a mindset. When you catch that mindset, it's a break from the normal Bible Belt mentality, because in the Bible Belt, the mindset is someone up here does all this, this person and several people do all the ministry. That's not a biblical concept.

My opinion is that we've already entered into a season that I believe is going to be the greatest season that's ever existed for the body of Christ.

In America, it's kind of amazing that we've had more access to the Word of God. It seems like it's slower to happen here than in other places, but it's happening. I believe we've entered the greatest move of God that the world will ever see.

What you've been trained for now has to start taking effect in you, so just do it. Now is the time to put to use these things that you have been taught.

When you talk about liberty and grace, a lot of people think you're getting "loosey-goosey" about the gospel. NO! So you have been called to liberty, but you don't use that liberty as an opportunity or occasion to sin. The highest form of life that you can live is lived in a delicate balance between liberty and responsibility.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. In the final analysis, it doesn't matter so much what you hear, but what you do with what you hear.

Jesus said this, "*The works that I do, he will do also*". The real acid test is not whether you say yes to that or not. It's whether you do those things or not.

I encourage you to be a note taker. It helps you to remember when you write something down. If you hear it and write it down, you retain quite a bit more of it.

The challenging things that you're going through in your life right now is the Father's way of removing the rough edges off you so that you fit nicely, perfectly in the body of Christ. You're His masterpiece. He's transforming us to be like Jesus.

Your faith is not going to grow until you begin to exercise it more. If this is going to be a season of supernatural growth and favor, you're going to have to tune up your faith. You're going to find out that your faith is not just some kind of positive mental attitude that cuts and runs at the first sign of trouble.

If you'll begin to look at challenges, hurdles and obstacles that are in your way as opportunities for God to grow your faith, you'll get along a lot better.

In this season, waiting on the Lord might be one of the most important things that you can do. Don't just do something, stand there. Stand there and wait till you hear from the Lord, because He's in a talkative mood.

When you're talking about the works of God and supernatural things, it can mean just caring for others and feeding the hungry. Jesus said, "*When I was hungry, you fed Me and when I was naked, you clothed Me*". "*AS you have done to the least of these, you have done it unto Me*".

So there is all kinds of opportunities outside the realm of the supernatural. Just helping someone out and giving them a word of encouragement, or visiting the sick, the imprisoned or praying for them.

This is a season where you need to amp up your prayer life and the Spirit of God will help you do that. This is a great time to start praying for someone in their presence. If you've never done that, put it on your list of things to ask God about.

The glory of God is coming. The Kingdom of God is coming, but you've got to be looking to see it, because you're so overrun by negative things.

The supernatural power of God is coming to a degree that we've never seen before. If not here, where? If not you, who? If not now? When? You're not going to get matured and seasoned in ministry until you start.

Your greatest test starts now, and it lasts for the rest of your life. Can you keep on being nothing? When everybody around you is telling you that you're something? The test of pride is the biggest one you're going to have to face.

If He can do something with me, He can do something with anybody. That should be our testimony, because we come with nothing. We have nothing to offer God except, "Here I am, Lord. Send me".

Spiritual pride is taking credit for something that God did. Spiritual pride is like bad breath. Everyone knows you have it but you.

There are going to be more distractions this year. You have to learn to deal with distractions to hone in on what God wants you to do.

Learn how to fight through the busyness and have your time with the Lord. Don't let schedules rob you of what the Father is doing and saying to you.

I think this family has gotten weak because we have not made it a priority to hear God around here. You are probably pretty good at hearing God on the run, but set aside time to stop and just say, "*Okay. This is my time with You.*"

If you will do five minutes, it won't be long before you are doing it for 10 minutes, and it won't be too long that you will be doing more time than that. I'm going to God with no agenda.

You're going to experience the presence of the Lord in a tangible way, more than you ever have before, but it's contingent upon the time that you give the Lord.

Do you have places that you can trim up and make better use of your time? Don't get legalistic about it or get under pressure to do it. I just think it's important that you understand what time is and there's not day like today.

Learn to deal with additional distractions. Get your focus back on and prioritize. Put the Lord at the top of your list. You are not going to be good for anybody else unless you work on you, and allow the Lord to hone in on you, your spouse and then your family.

Face and confront the giants. In Moses' day, every person over the age of 20 years died in the wilderness, because they were unwilling to go in and do what God wanted them to do.

God has given you the land, but you need to go in and take it. Prepare for battle, but understand that the victory is already won. It's already settled.

When you figure out who you are, you're going to take the land. You're in the process of finding out who you are. Don't run from the battle, but run to the battle.

Everybody knows that David would be completely overpowered by this 10 foot giant, but David knew that the battle wasn't his. The battle belonged to God.

When you count it all joy when you fall into various trials, that messes the enemy's mind up. He throws this stuff at you, but he can't get his claws and clutches in you.

Whatever you're dealing with right now, you have adequate faith to get that mountain moved out of the way for you to fulfill your destiny.

Just do it! Prioritize, face and confront the giants. For you to fulfill your destiny, you have to face your greatest fears. With man, it is impossible, but with God, nothing is impossible. For Kingdom people like you, it just looks impossible.

My goal is not to just have a relationship with the Father, but to be in union with Him.

There's not substitute for spending time with the Father. You won't have much to offer if you haven't been with the Lord. Anything of any significance at all, it is going to come out of your intimate time with the Father.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God". That's not just the written word I'm talking about.

As much as I love the written word of God, it was never meant to be a substitute for our relationship with the Father.

I'm learning to look for God in the most negative situations. And you know that He's there in every single one of them. He'll help you figure out your way out of that situation. Life is to be an adventure.

If you're in the kingdom of God, if you are born again, and you can't see that this is the biggest demonic assignment against Planet Earth that's ever happened, you aren't paying attention.

The enemy hates when we worship. He hates it! So would you make a note to yourself to keep the worship team lifted up and keep them in your prayers?