

LIVING IN THE EYES OF HIS FAVOR

“BUT NOAH FOUND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.” GENESIS 6:8 NIV TRANSLATION
READ THE STORY OF NOAH - CHAPTERS 6, 7, 8

I AM PRETTY GOOD AT “TALKING THE TALK”, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO “WALKING THE WALK”, I VERY OFTEN FAIL. I REMEMBER MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD, WITH CLARITY, SOME OF IT, TO MY DISMAY. I REMEMBER MOST, HOWEVER, THE FEELING OF BEING SURROUNDED BY FAMILY - MY PARENTS, MY SIBLINGS, UNCLES, AUNTS, AND COUSINS – “ONCE, TWICE AND THRICE REMOVED”. I REMEMBER TOO, THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT THAT ALL OF MY FAMILY FELT TOWARD OUR GRANDPARENTS, DOC & VERA. I REMEMBER THE EYES OF MY GRANDPARENTS, AND OF MY OWN PARENTS, TOO. I REMEMBER THE FEELING THAT WOULD WORK ITS WAY UP FROM THE BACK OF MY HEELS TO THE BACK OF MY NECK WHEN I FOUND MYSELF IN THEIR UNEXPECTED PRESENCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN I KNEW I WAS DOING SOMETHING WRONG AND THEY HAD DISCOVERED IT. I ALSO REMEMBER THOSE EYES WHEN THEY HAD DISCOVERED THAT I HAD DELIBERATELY DECIDED AND ATTEMPTED TO DO SOMETHING GOOD - SOME GOOD DEED THAT SERVED SOMEONE, OTHER THAN MY SELF. SOME FEAT OF PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR SPIRITUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WAS PERHAPS UNEXPECTED. I REMEMBER THE LOOK OF DISCIPLINE, OF LOVE AND OF SATISFACTION - THE LOOK OF PRIDE AND I REMEMBER THOSE “EYES OF FAVOR”. MAYBE, YOU CAN’T RELATE TO THE EXPERIENCE OF MY CHILDHOOD. BUT ANYONE CAN EXPERIENCE THE EYES OF THE FATHER, GOD. WHEN GOD’S EYES ARE FOCUSED WITH FAVOR UPON ANY INDIVIDUAL - WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT AND HE DISCOVERS IT - THE RELATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT HAPPENS THERE, IN THAT MOMENT – IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT IS NEVER - EVER FORGOTTEN, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES TAKEN FOR GRANTED. THE EXPERIENCE OF FINDING “FAVOR IN GOD’S EYES” HELPS TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE “WALKED WITH GOD”, AS NOAH DID. (GEN. 6:9)

SOME 2000 YEARS, AFTER THE CREATION OF EVERYTHING THAT IS KNOWN, NOAH, FOUND “FAVOR IN THE EYES OF GOD.” IT IS SAID THAT HE “WALKED WITH GOD”SOME 6000 YEARS LATER,.....

DO YOU EVER FEEL THE “EYES OF THE LORD”DO YOU FEEL THEIR FAVOR?

DEAR FATHER, FIND ME WALKING IN YOUR WILL AND STRIVING TO BE - MORE OF WHAT YOU HAVE CREATED ME TO BE. FIND MY LIFE PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT. HELP ME TO SPEAK TRUTH ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD AND TO WALK WITH DETERMINATION IN YOUR WILL. HELP ME OH LORD, TO BE STILL IN MY SOUL, AND FIND COMFORT IN YOUR SPIRIT. HELP ME TO APPLY THE MOTION OF MY HANDS AND OF MY FEET TO ACTS OF SERVICE FOR OTHERS - IN YOUR NAME AND BECAUSE OF A SINCERE FAITH IN YOU, AS MY GOD. HELP ME TO STAND IN THE FACE OF EVIL, FIRMLY GROUNDED IN THE WISDOM OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING. FATHER, I LONG TO FIND FAVOR IN YOUR EYES.

IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN