Victory Connect Lesson
Royal Family Favor
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Key Passage: 2Sa 10:2 KJV - Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father.

Introduction: God wants to bless us with favor in all the affairs of life. King David sought to bless the descendants of those who were faithful to him. Our attitude will determine if we receive or reject the favor of God. We can position ourselves to receive the blessing of God.

1. God our Father wants to give us good gifts.
Jas 1:17 ESV - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

2. A toxic, skeptical attitude can block the blessing.
2Sa 10:3 NKJV - And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Has David not [rather] sent his servants to you to search the city, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?"

3. Mephibosheth humbled himself and was blessed.
2Sa 9:6, 13 NKJV - Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself... So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table.

Four ways to position yourself for favor:

1. Be a Seeker of Jesus Mat 6:33 NKJV - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness…

2. Be a Believer Mat 9:29b LSB…[Then He said]"It shall be done to you according to your faith."

3. Be a Receiver Mar 10:15 NIV - Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

4. Be a Releaser
Mat 10:8b NIV…Freely you have received; freely give.

Discussion Questions:
1. Have you ever seen a toxic attitude stop a blessing?
2. Share a time God showed you unusual favor?
3. Share a time you released favor to someone else?