

# BEYOND THE GRIND

WALKING IN FAVOR. LEADING IN POWER.

## LIVING BEYOND THE GRIND

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### BIG IDEA:

When life pulls you back, rest in the hands that hold you, and launch you forward.

### KEY SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 90:13-15, 17

Luke 2:52, 4:1-13

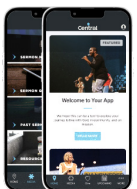
Exodus 33:12-18

Psalm 5:12

Titus 2:11-12

2 Thessalonians 2:13.

1. How do our expectations about what life should look like when walking in God's favor influence the way we respond to challenges or setbacks?
2. How would you define cultivated favor, and what steps can you take to grow in it in your daily life?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13. What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping you grow in righteousness and experience God's favor?
4. What does Moses' request in Exodus 33:12-13 teach about seeking God's ways to understand and grow in His favor?
5. How does the example of the Spirit leading Jesus into the wilderness after His baptism reshape the way you view seasons of testing and tension?
6. Can you identify a season in your life where challenges felt like a pullback rather than progress? How might God have been preparing you during that time?
7. Read Psalm 90. Psalm 90:17 comes at the end of a Psalm reflecting on the brevity and struggles of life. With the entire Psalm in view, what does this prayer teach us about what we can do to make our work meaningful?
8. How does the idea of God's (capital P) Presence in Exodus 33:16 shape your understanding of what sets believers apart in the world today?
9. Why do we often compare our journey with others, and how can accepting that God is favorably disposed towards you help you resist that tendency?
10. How can worship, as seen in Moses' request to see God's glory in Exodus 33:18, shift your focus during seasons of tension or difficulty?



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