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SERMON OUTLINE FOR PASTORS

THE ANOINTING FOR FAVOR

Three Things That Happen When God's Oil Flows

> The anointing is for every believer. When your life is aligned with God's purposes and connected to Jesus, the source, the anointing brings favor: people act quickly for you, things change for you, and you are kept from bad decisions.

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2 Kings 9:1-33

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AT A GLANCE

THE MESSAGE

1. The anointing is not a ministry-only word. Preaching, worship and gifts are the usual reference, but 1 John says every believer is anointed.
2. The anointing flows when your life is aligned with God's purposes. Jehu stepped into a prophetic fulfillment God had already set in motion through Elijah.
3. The shortcut to alignment is investing in the local church. Money touches every area of life, so connecting money to God's purposes touches every area of life.
4. First effect: the anointing causes people to act quickly in your favor. The commanders threw their garments down and proclaimed Jehu king before he wanted to talk about it.
5. A quick no can be favor. Rejection is sometimes protection, and the answer you did not want may be the answer that spared you.
6. Second effect: the anointing causes things to change in your favor. Joram's messengers switched sides on the spot, and fixed situations turn into approvals, permits and yeses.
7. Third effect: the anointing protects you from bad decisions. Jehu felt his resolve shift under Jezebel's seduction and threat, called for help, and the men who answered were unfazed by what was compromising him.
8. The anointing requires connection to the source. In Zechariah 4 the golden pipe is the means and the oil is the substance, but the olive tree is the source, and the tree is Jesus.
9. You can accomplish a lot without the anointing, but your life does not go to the next level without it.

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PREACHING NOTES

Before You Preach

This message was preached on the first Sunday of 2026, before the pastor anointed everyone present with oil and laid hands on them. It also opened about ten weeks of teaching on the Holy Spirit. It works on any Sunday you set aside to consecrate a season to the Lord.

It is a narrative message. Read a lot of 2 Kings 9 and say so up front: "That's not the worst thing that could have happened." Let the story of Jehu carry the three points, and keep the two conditions clear: the anointing flows when you are aligned with God's purposes, and it flows only from the source, Jesus.

If you anoint with oil, explain what you are using. Pastor Jason used a non-fragrant oil. The anointing oil in Exodus 30 is made with four fragrant "principal spices" (King James wording), and he joked that he did not want to smell like Elizabeth Taylor's White Diamonds all day.

End where he ended: today is not about the oil. It is about Jesus.

Introduction

It is the first Sunday of the year, and today we are going to lay hands on you and anoint you with oil. First I want to teach you something that will help you make the most of this moment.

In a Spirit-filled church we use the word "anointing" broadly. In the Bible it is sometimes on the inside and sometimes on the outside. In church we use it to describe things: anointed preaching, anointed worship, "the anointing to heal is present." Very often we only use it for what happens in this room.

But the anointing is not exclusive to ministry or to the church. **The anointing is for every believer.** John writes to ordinary Christians, "the anointing that you received from him abides in you" (1 John 2:27).

Have the room look at a neighbor and say, "You are anointed."

Today we look at a man named Jehu, who was anointed king over Israel and went on to found the longest-reigning dynasty in the northern kingdom.

> **2 KINGS 9:1-3 ESV**
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> [1] Then Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Tie up your garments, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. [2] And when you arrive, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi. And go in and have him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber. [3] Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.' Then open the door and flee; do not linger."

The prophet tells the messenger to flee because this anointing is a coup. Jehu is going to overthrow King Joram, the son of Ahab, the most wicked king in Israel's history.

> **2 KINGS 9:4-10 ESV**
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> [4] So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. [5] And when he came, behold, the commanders of the army were in council. And he said, "I have a word for you, O commander." And Jehu said, "To which of us all?" And he said, "To you, O commander." [6] So he arose and went into the house. And the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I anoint you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. [7] And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD. [8] For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. [9] And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. [10] And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her." Then he opened the door and fled.

The Anointing Flows When You Are Aligned with God's Purposes

Before we look at what the anointing does, understand this: **the anointing flows when we align our lives with God's purposes. It does not flow otherwise.**

Jehu was stepping into something God had set in motion long before. Years earlier the Lord had told Elijah to anoint Jehu (1 Kings 19:16), and Elijah had prophesied the fall of Ahab's house (1 Kings 21:21-23). When Jehu got in sync with what God had wanted to do for a long time, the anointing started flowing on his life.

THE SHORTCUT

Here is the shortcut to aligning your life with God's purposes: **invest in the local church.** Yes, that sounds self-serving from a preacher. But who else is going to say it?

Pastor Jason told of hearing a wealthy businessman on a podcast advise business owners, even those who are not Christians, to give 10% of their income to a local church, because he had watched people's lives go to another level when they aligned with God's purposes.

Solomon wrote that "money answers everything" (Ecclesiastes 10:19). Here is why that rings true: **a third of your life is spent making money so you can fund the other two thirds.** Money touches every area of your life. So if you connect your money with God's purposes, it will touch every area of your life.

And look at what the same man did: "Now Solomon purposed to build a temple for the name of the Lord, and a royal palace for himself" (2 Chronicles 2:1). He put his effort first toward God's purposes, and then toward his own plans. When we partner with God this way, the anointing flows to every endeavor we take on.

Whatever the Lord wants to do in our city, our county and our state, we want to be in sync with it.

Transition: Here are three things you can expect when the anointing begins to flow in your life.

1. The Anointing Causes People to Act Quickly in Your Favor

> **2 KINGS 9:11-13** ESV
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> 11 When Jehu came out to the servants of his master, they said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the fellow and his talk." 12 And they said, "That is not true; tell us now." And he said, "Thus and so he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.'" 13 Then in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."

Jehu came out of the back room six minutes after being anointed. He was reluctant to talk. He was still processing it, and he was sitting with the commanders of the very king he was about to overthrow. Saying "they just anointed me king" could get him killed.

But they pressed him, and when he told them, "in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, 'Jehu is king'" (2 Kings 9:13). While Jehu hesitated, the people around him acted quickly in his favor.

Call for a response. Ask the room to shout. If it is weak, tease them about it, and remind them who they are. Nehemiah refused to stop the work: "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down" (Nehemiah 6:3), and "Should such a man as I run away?" (Nehemiah 6:11). Should people such as you be quiet in a Spirit-filled church?

We want to be patient. Those who wait on the Lord renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31). But there are moments when you need things to happen now. If the deadline is in 72 hours, you don't have five years to soak in His presence. It takes maturity to know the difference between urgency and impatience, and most of us confuse the two.

The anointing can make people act even faster than you are ready for. You mention to a friend that you are thinking about selling your car, and he pulls out his checkbook. You put a sign in the yard and get a knock on the door within the hour.

REJECTION IS PROTECTION

People acting quickly in your favor does not always mean a quick yes. Sometimes a quick no is favor.

Illustration: the ugly email. Pastor Jason once asked a pastor he knew well, whose house he had stayed in 30 or 40 times, about preaching at his church. Within 48 hours that pastor sent one of the ugliest emails he had ever received: you will never preach here. It hurt. A couple of months later, things from that pastor's past came out and he was embroiled in controversy. In hindsight, the Lord was protecting him.

There are times you can mark down not getting the thing you want as: rejection is protection.

2. The Anointing Causes Things to Change in Your Favor

> **2 KINGS 9:14-18** ESV
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> [14] Thus Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram with all Israel had been on guard at Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Syria, [15] but King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds that the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) So Jehu said, "If this is your decision, then let no one slip out of the city to go and tell the news in Jezreel." [16] Then Jehu mounted his chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to visit Joram. [17] Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came and said, "I see a company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'" [18] So a man on horseback went to meet him and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Turn around and ride behind me." And the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger reached them, but he is not coming back."

This happens more than once in the chapter. Joram sends a messenger to find out what is going on, and the messenger switches sides on the spot. En route, on duty, he joins Jehu. It is like working a shift at Target and walking over to clock in at Walmart in the middle of it.

When the anointing gets on you, things that were fixed against you can change. Some of what you are walking through is not permanent.

- Some of you will start getting yeses where you have been getting nos.
- Approvals where you were denied. Permits you have been waiting on.
- Sellers lowering prices and buyers raising offers.
- The company that rejected your résumé calling back to say you would be a good candidate.

Is it because you forced it, chased it, pounded the square peg into the round hole? No. It is the anointing. As the gospel singer Maurette Brown Clark sings, it ain't over until God says it's over. Jehu went on to defeat Joram (2 Kings 9:24).

3. The Anointing Protects You from Bad Decisions

> **2 KINGS 9:30-33** ESV
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> [30] When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it. And she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out of the window. [31] And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it peace, you Zimri, murderer of your master?" [32] And he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at him. [33] He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down. And some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled on her.

Jezebel was Ahab's queen and Joram's mother, and she had held real power in Israel. Joram was king, but Jezebel was pulling the strings.

Why paint her eyes and adorn her head? She was going to try what had worked many times before: seduce Jehu into sparing her and stopping his campaign. Her way was to get men to chase her, get what she wanted from them, and give them nothing, and in the process change the way they made decisions. That is how she ruled Israel through Ahab. (As preached, he called her "the original OnlyFans girl" here, checking the room's temperature first.)

Then she calls him Zimri. That was an insult. Zimri had also overthrown a king, and he lasted seven days before he burned the palace down over himself (1 Kings 16:15-18). She was saying, "You may get to me, but you'll only make it about a week." Seduction on one side and fear on the other.

Jehu feels his resolve shifting. Maybe I don't kill her. Maybe I need her influence. Maybe she's right about Zimri. (As preached: "Let's face it, men aren't that complicated. If she'd have had a lasagna, she'd have had him.") So he looks up and calls out, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two or three eunuchs look out: men who were not fazed by what Jezebel had to offer. "Throw her down," he says, and they do.

The anointing protects you from bad decisions. Bad decisions usually come from the same place Jezebel was working: allure, fascination, enticement. It is not only a man or a woman. It can be anything.

Illustration: the car lot. You go in for a 2005 Ford Focus in your budget and drive out in a red convertible Maserati, wondering when that happened.

Illustration: the model home. In Florida, where so many people were moving that new subdivisions were everywhere, the sign says homes start at $300,000. You can do that. By the time you drive in, you learn the land is extra. Then you tour the model home: the floors, the fixtures, the big glass shower, the pool, 12-foot ceilings, solid doors, a refrigerator designed by the archangel Gabriel. You ask what this one costs, and the $300,000 house is $1.2 million. Then every decision pushes you further out: I can't do it without those floors, that farmhouse sink, the pool in the mortgage. Enticement leads to bad decisions. (He has seen pastors do the same thing, choosing a church because of where it is.)

The anointing creates a resolve in you, so you are not affected by what would normally affect you. You will find yourself asking, "Why doesn't this faze me?" **In 20 years of ministry, Pastor Jason says, he has never had a big giver make him nervous. That's the anointing.**

Illustration: the speakers. A friend who installs sound systems told him, "Don't you buy speakers because you like the way they look." Enticement leads to the wrong decision.

The anointing is also attractive. It draws people around you who can make decisions better than you would. God has a handful of "eunuchs" ready to come to your aid.

The Anointing Requires Connection to the Source

The anointing requires alignment with God's purposes. It also requires connection to the source.

> **ZECHARIAH 4:11-14** ESV
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> [11] Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” [12] And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?” [13] He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” [14] Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

This vision points to Christ. The two anointed ones are the high priest of Zechariah’s day and the governor Zerubbabel, from the line of David: a priest and a king. Together they foreshadow the King-Priest to come, Jesus Christ, “a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 7:17).

Look at the three things in the vision:

- **The golden pipe** is the means. It gets the attention: the preaching, the spiritual gifts, the manifestations.
- **The golden oil** is the substance. We can fixate on it and chase it. Today we will anoint you with oil, but the oil is not the source. It is simply a way we set aside time to consecrate ourselves to God for this year.
- **The olive tree** is the source. The source is Jesus Christ.

That is why we do not want to be merely a Spirit-filled church. Plenty of churches will tell you they are Spirit-filled. We want to be centered on Jesus, because if you are not hooked up to the source, whatever you are getting, it is not the anointing. **You can get peanut oil in any church. You can get Crisco in any church. But you only get the golden olive oil if you’re hooked up to the source, which is Jesus Christ.**

You can accomplish a lot without the anointing. You can get a lot done under your own power. But **your life does not go to the next level without the anointing.** You can keep a measure of peace with your family, but there will not be restoration without it. When the anointing flows, the impossible becomes possible and the improbable becomes probable. It emboldens your decision-making and lifts your faith, and you gain a tenacity that says, “I’m going to do what the Lord said to do.”

Conclusion

Have everyone stand. **Today is not about the oil. Today is about Jesus:** the One who bled, who died, who rose again, and who is coming soon. Give the room a moment to worship.

Testimony: favor. Pastor Jason went into ministry for $100 a week, housed in a boys’ home. His first $35,000-a-year job felt like Jed Clampett money. He talks about money because he grew up with bankruptcy and the repo man, and watched financial stress tear his parents apart: when the money went down, the drinking went up. Years later, outside of church income, he saw that same yearly amount come in within a single month. Favor came quickly.

When favor comes, it will not feel foreign. **You're not going to get your breakthrough and feel like you don't deserve it.** You will feel like, "This is who I am. I'm the kind of person this should be happening to." Who you are in Jesus Christ and who you are in the natural come into alignment. Should a man such as I come down?

Some of you are believing for healing, for financial increase, for one approval. "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Pray a blessing over the church: that the anointing of favor would flow over every person; that this would be known as the church where the blessed people go, people walking in health, enjoying their lives, with enough and to spare, kind and generous; and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the weeks ahead, rooted in the source, Jesus Christ.

Then anoint the people with oil and lay hands on them.



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