

CHRISTMAS: IT'S COMPLICATED

Part 1: Simple Favor

SEACOAST CHURCH

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*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **Luke 1:26-32 (ESV)***

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*The LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. **Psalm 84:11 (ESV)***

ONE DAY OF _____ IS BETTER THAN A LIFETIME OF _____.

LET'S SEEK _____ FROM A _____, NOT
_____ FROM A _____.

THE POSTURE OF A FAVOR FINDER

WALKING UPRIGHTLY MEANS WE HAVE AN _____.

WALKING UPRIGHTLY MEANS WE HAVE AN _____ TO _____.

WALKING UPRIGHTLY MEANS WE ARE _____ AND _____.

*Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? **Exodus 33:12-16a***

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FAVOR IS THE PLACE WHERE WE FEEL GOD'S _____ AND ARE
GIVEN GOD'S _____ TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S _____
IN MY LIFE.

_____ FLOWS FROM _____.

IT'S BETTER TO HAVE THE FAVOR OF GOD THAN PASSION OR TALENT.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **Ephesians 1:3-5 (ESV)***

_____ COMES BEFORE _____.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. **Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)***

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)***

EXCUSES NOT TO BE A FAVOR FINDER

TOO _____

*I am the Lord's servant, let it be to me as you have spoken... **Luke 1:38***

TOO _____

TOO _____

MY _____ IS NOT _____