

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Christmas Isn't Cancelled

Week 2 Study

Icebreaker

Is there an experience you can share where you saw God's favor in something you weren't expecting or something that amazed you so much, you couldn't believe it, even if it happened to someone else?

Passage 1 **Luke 1:26-33 (NIV)**

"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Reflection Does Mary's favor from God mean for her?
How will everyone react to the news?
Does God's favor always appear to be a blessing?

Passage 2 **Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)**

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guestroom available for them."

Reflection Have you ever been outcasted by your faith in Christ?
How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about no one letting them stay?
Do we become well liked by the world when in God's favor?

Passage 3 **John 1:14 (NIV) | Matthew 1:23 NIV (NIV)**

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means 'God with us')."

Reflection After reading these scripture verses, what make us favored?

Application

Let us thank our God almighty for allowing us know him. Let us thank him for coming down and walking among us in the flesh, living a perfect life and giving us favor.

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