MESSAGE: "FINDING FAVOR WITH GOD" PASTOR GEORGE WASSON

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"Noah found favor with the Lord." GENESIS 6:8

How did Noah find favor with God?

"Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he <u>walked in close fellowship with</u> God." – Gen 6:9

"Noah did <u>everything</u> as the Lord commanded him." – GEN 6:22; 7:5; 7:9; 7:16

Like Noah, we can _____ ourselves for God's favor

1. By making His _____ ours

"I have found David son of Jesse, <u>a man after my own heart</u>. He will do everything I want him to do." – ACTS 13:22

"The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are <u>fully committed</u> to him."

– 2 CHRON 16:9

"<u>With all my heart</u> I want your blessings. Be merciful as you promised." – PSALM 119:58

2. By making His _____ ours

"If you look for me <u>wholeheartedly</u>, you will find me." – JER 29:13

"For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord." – PROV 18:35

"Seek the Kingdom of God <u>above all else</u>, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." MATT 16:33

3. By making His _____ ours

"Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew taller and grew in favor with the Lord and with the people." – 1 SAM 2:26

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." – JOHN 3:30

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, <u>set your sights on the realities of heaven</u>, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <u>Think about the things of heaven</u>, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God." – COL 3:1-2

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." – MARK 12:30

WHY SHOULD YOU SEEK GOD'S FAVOR?

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Three Questions for Reflection

- Are you walking with God at a distance? If so, what's keeping you so far apart?
- Are you walking with God close, but not too close? If so, what's holding you back?
- Are you walking with God hand in hand?

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." – EPH 2:8-10