CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF FAVOR

LUKE 1:26-27 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

LUKE 1:29-30 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

LUKE 1:31-32 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

LUKE 1:33-34 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

LUKE 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

LUKE 1:36-37 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

LUKE 1:38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

1. HIGHLY FAVORED...

Luke 1:28

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2. GOD'S FAVORITE...

Ephesians 2:8-9

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

3. ONE OF GOD'S FAVORITES...

Hebrews 11:31

HEBREWS 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

MATTHEW 1:5-6 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king.

JOSHUA 2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

JOSHUA 2:2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

JOSHUA 2:17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

JOSHUA 2:17 unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

COMMUNION LUKE 22:19-20

LUKE 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

LUKE 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you..."

CANDLELIGHT JOHN 8:12

JOHN 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

CLOSING...

