The Price of “Finding Favor”
Luke 1:28-30

I. God’s Favor Upon Individuals.
   a. ________ found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6:5-8)
      i. It created the hardship of ________ the _____.
      ii. It caused ______ to face daily ridicule. (Genesis 2:5; 7:7-11)
      iii. It caused ______ to spend a year cooped up inside a ________.
   b. ________ found favor in the eyes of the Lord. (Luke 1:28-30)
      i. Imagine the doubt in the mind of _________. (Matthew 1:18-19)
      ii. Imagine the rumors that surrounded her pregnancy.
   c. ________ found favor in the eyes of God. (John 3:13-17)
      i. He was despised, rejected, a man of sorrows acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3)
      ii. He had no ________, much less a mansion. (Matthew 8:20)
      iii. He died the cruelest of deaths on a cross. (Matthew 27)

II. Why Would God Allow Hardships to Come Into Our Lives?
   a. Hardships can be ________. (Psalm 119:71; James 1:2-4)
   b. Hardships help us __________ our lives. (Matthew 6:33-34)
   c. Hardships remind us that this world is not our ________. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)