

# MESSAGE NOTES

My52: WHY AM I HERE? Discovering God's Purpose-  
For My Life  
Chapter 4: Does God Play Favorites?

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Does God play \_\_\_\_\_?

Caesar \_\_\_\_\_

- Luke 2:1
- "He was called the one who is to come, the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation for whom mankind has \_\_\_\_\_. The song of god."

Herod The \_\_\_\_\_

- He lived in \_\_\_\_\_ luxury
- Matthew 2:1-3

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

- She is from an \_\_\_\_\_ town, Nazareth
- Leviticus 12:6 & 8
- Luke 2:22 & 24

Shepherds

- They were outcasts \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

4 thing Forbes takes into consideration

- 1 – Does the candidate have \_\_\_\_\_ over lots of people?
- 2 – What \_\_\_\_\_ resources does the person control?
- 3 – Does the candidate have \_\_\_\_\_ in multiple spheres?
- 4 – How actively does the candidate use their \_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 1:30

Luke 2:11

So, \_\_\_\_\_ does God favor?

- \_\_\_\_\_ opens the door to God's favor in your life
- 1 Peter 5:5b-6

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*For the week of January 25, 2026*

## OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

- 1) If you had siblings, who did you think was the favorite in your family growing up?  
What about now that you are grown?
- 2) How do you think that has shaped the way you view the world today?

## BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

- 1) Read Luke 2:1-20. Put yourself in Mary & Joseph's shoes. What were all of the obstacles they had to face for this journey?
- 2) Read John 10:1-18. Using Jesus as our example of the Good Shepherd, what ways could we follow His example to lead those around us?
- 3) Read 1 Peter 5:5-6. How have you seen this principle played out in your life?

4) On page 25 of Quest 52 we are told, "We are funnels of God's grace, not buckets of His blessing." What has God given you (skills, possessions, opportunities) that you could bring back to Him humbly to use to share the Gospel this week?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

1) Do you perceive yourself as favored by God? Take time to look back and notice the ways He has been there for you.

If your answer is no, take time to really think through the reasons why you believe that.

2) Take the Challenge: With whom do you need to share the good news of Jesus?  
If you have seen Him, you share Him. Invite someone this week to coffee and share what you know, or invite someone to church so they can hear what you have heard.

PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_