

**Title:** Favored

**Text:** *“The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”*

( Zephaniah 3:17)

**Target:** God wants to do a work through you, but first God must do a work in you.

- I. God desires to be Personal with you: *“The LORD your God”*
- II. God wants Priority by you: *“is in your midst (center)”*
- III. God flexes Power towards you: *“a mighty (champion/hero) one”*
- IV. God has Purpose for you: *“who will save (saved, saves, saving)”*
- V. God is Pleased because of you: *“He will rejoice (joy) over you with gladness (pleasing)”*
- VI. God puts Peace in you: *“He will quiet (peace) you by His love (Ahabah)”*
- VII. God Parties over you: *“He will exult over you with loud singing.”*

**Takeaway:** I am not forgotten for I am favored.  
I am not a failure for I am favored.  
I am not forsaken for I am favored.  
I am not finished for I am favored.  
I am not filthiness for I am forgiven.

**Sermon Discussion Questions:** In Zephaniah 3:17, we find God quieting His people as he rejoices and sings over them. Have you ever had scripture (the words of God) read or spoken over you? When was the last time this happened? Do you remember what the circumstances were or how you came out of that time of sitting and soaking in scripture? Have you ever spoken scripture over others? How powerful was that moment for both the listener and the one speaking God’s truth?

In your small group, have one person read Zeph. 3:17 several times over the rest of the group while they sit quietly before the LORD. What does this verse say about God?

Ask God to lead you to somebody that needs to hear God’s truth this week (someone who needs to hear that God is ever present, mighty to save, loving, and desiring to rejoice over them with loud singing).