
Date: June 20, 2021 **Message Series:** Seeing His Glory

Message Title: The Chains Are Off **Scripture:** Isaiah 61:1-3

Who grants favor: _____

Why favor isn't granted: _____

How favor is achieved: _____

1. In what areas of life do you feel pressure to perform? Work? Home? Relationships? Church? How is that pressure usually communicated to you, and how do you typically respond?
2. Are there any areas of life in which you do not feel a pressure to measure up? Why do you believe there isn't pressure in those areas?
3. If you heard someone say they had come to proclaim freedom for the captives, comfort for the brokenhearted, and the year of the Lord's favor, how would you respond? How did people respond to Jesus? (Luke 4:16-30)
4. In what ways have you tried to earn favor with God in the past?
5. Why is it sometimes difficult to believe favor is granted purely on the basis of grace and not on our performance?
6. What is comforting about God fighting against injustice with vengeance? What is problematic?
7. In what instances has Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice helped to lessen your guilt regarding your own actions or your anger toward the action of others?