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STORM STORIES

SURVIVING LIFE'S TEMPESTS

PART FIVE: SURVIVING THE ULTIMATE STORM

THE PROBLEM:

“The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. . . the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.” Gen. 6:5-6, 11a

GOD’S RESPONSE:

1. GOD PROMISES A COMING _____.

“So the LORD said, ‘I will wipe mankind, whom I have created., from the face of the earth. . . for I am grieved that I have made them. . . I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.” Gen. 6:7, 17

2. GOD PROVIDES A _____.

“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD . . . Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.” Gen. 6:8-9

“By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. . . and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” Heb. 11:7

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 6:23

3. GOD PROVIDES A _____.

“So make yourself an ark. . . I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.” Gen. 6:14a, 18-19

“ . . . God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built . . . ”

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2Pet. 3:9

• **Saving faith leads to _____.**

“Noah did everything just as God commanded him.” Gen. 6:22

MY RESPONSE: _____.

“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month— on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened . . . For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth . . . The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.”

Gen. 7:11, 17-18

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” John 3:16-17

Daily Meditations

Thought provoking questions about this weekend’s topic!

This week’s memory verse:

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2Pet. 3:9

Monday

Read Genesis 6:5-22. This is an amazing portion of the Bible. Write down three things that stood out to you most in this story.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Put yourself in Noah’s shoes (or sandals) for a minute. How would you feel if you heard God telling you to do something that seemed impossible, unnecessary and outrageous? What fear do you think Noah faced? Why do you think Noah obeyed God?

Thank God today for the Bible. Thank Him for the story of Noah. Pray that as the week goes on you’ll learn the life lessons God has for you. Ask Him to soften your heart and develop in you a willingness to obey God no matter what.

Tuesday

Read Genesis 6:8-9, Hebrews 11:7 and Romans 6:23. How did God provide a period of grace for Noah and those who lived in his time?

Recall a time that you look back on and realize that God was providing a period of grace for you. How did you respond?

Withholding judgment and offering grace is difficult to do when you know you are right. Think about your relationships right now. Write down some ways that you could reflect God by offering a grace period to those in your life who need it.

Thank God today for the many grace periods He has given you. Thank Him for the ultimate saving grace found in Jesus Christ. Ask Him for the patience and love to reflect grace to those around you.

Wednesday

Read Genesis 6:17, Psalm 9:6-8 & Matthew 24:37-39. What do you learn about God's judgment in these verses? What part of His judgment is hardest for you to understand? How can these verses help "round-out" your view of God's judgment?

Read Psalm 94. The interesting thing about judgment is there are times when we long to see God's judgment (as the psalmist does in this passage) on others though we do not welcome it in our own lives. How can you identify with the writer of this Psalm?

How does it help you to know that ultimately judgment is in God's hands?

Thank God today that you are not in charge of judging the people around you. Thank God for His holiness and that His judgments are perfect. Talk to God about the things you wish He would judge. Commit to pray for that situation and ask God to use you however He desires to demonstrate His love and grace.

Thursday

Read Genesis 6:18-19 & 2 Peter 3:1-15. This is an amazing passage of Scripture. First of all, how is the description of the Day of the Lord similar to how people were living in the days of Noah?

How do these verses demonstrate God's desire to save any who will call on Him?

How do you see the Lord's saving patience in your life?

In light of God's patience and desire to save how should you live your life?

Thank the Lord today for His love for you and His patience with you. Pray for those you

Friday

Read Genesis 7:11, 17-18 & Romans 10:8-10. Now matter how we try to manage life in the end we do not know how long we have on this earth.

Have you responded to God's desire to save you? If so, when?

Spend some time listening to God today. In what other areas of your life is God asking you to respond to Him? What is keeping you from following through? How will you follow through and submit to God's call?

Thank God today for saving you. Talk to Him about the other ways you believe He's calling you to respond. Commit your life and heart to Him and pray that you'll be willing to submit to God's ways and obedient to His call.

Saturday

Complete any devotions you may have missed and polish up the memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Thanks!