

GO AGAINST THE FLOW!

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God used the life of Noah to demonstrate how one person can stand up against a wicked world and make a difference. Today, our world is no less wicked, with rampant godlessness and a culture that often opposes God's ways. In the face of this, Noah's example teaches us how to live counter-culturally. We find four principles from Noah's life that show us how to go against the flow, as outlined in Hebrews 11:7.

WARNING FROM GOD

In Genesis 6, God saw the wickedness and evil in the world and decided to put an end to it. But before bringing judgment, God chose Noah to be a messenger of warning to the people. God told Noah about His plan to flood the earth and instructed him to build an ark to save himself, his family, and a pair of every kind of animal. This must have been a daunting task for Noah because he had never built a structure like an ark before, and there was no indication of rain at that time. However, Noah trusted in God's warning and obeyed His instructions. As a result, Noah was saved along with his family and the animals. God's warning to Noah reminds us that God is patient and merciful towards humanity. He doesn't immediately bring judgment. He is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:8-9)

WALKING WITH GOD

Noah was not a perfect man, but he found favor in the eyes of God because of his faithfulness and obedience. Despite living in a wicked and corrupt world, Noah chose to walk with God. This choice resulted in Noah finding grace and favor with God. God promised to take care of Noah and his family, and this promise was repeated several times in Scripture (Genesis 6:18; 9:9, 9:11, 9:12, 9:13, 9:15, 9:17). Walking with God requires a daily commitment to listen to His voice, worship Him, pray, read His Word, and spend time in His presence. It is a journey that requires faith and obedience. If we choose to walk with God, He will never leave us nor forsake us. We can trust in His promises, and we can have confidence that He will guide us through every step of our journey.

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

HEBREWS 11:7

WORKING FOR GOD

God has a purpose for each one of us, and He calls us to do something with our lives that will bring glory to Him. For Noah, it was a massive task to build an ark, a vessel that could save his family and the animals from the flood that was to come. God gave specific instructions and Noah obeyed Him completely (Genesis 6:14-16). Noah worked tirelessly on the ark for 120 years, despite being ridiculed and mocked by his peers. His obedience to God's commands did not end when he entered the ark. He continued to work diligently, caring for the animals and his family, as he waited for the floodwaters to recede. Like Noah, we are called to work for God and fulfill His purposes for our lives. It may not be building an ark — it could be serving others, sharing the Gospel, or using our talents and abilities for His glory. Whatever it may be, let us obey God wholeheartedly and work diligently, knowing that He is with us every step of the way.

WITNESS ABOUT GOD

Noah's life was a powerful witness for God, even though no one listened to him. His faithfulness in obeying God and building the ark condemned the wickedness of the world and convicted those around him. Our lives should also make non-believers question their disbelief in God. Noah's obedience not only saved him and his family, but it also served as a testimony for future generations. He built an altar to the Lord after leaving the ark, and God showed him a rainbow as a reminder of His faithfulness and grace.

Noah's story reminds us of the judgment to come, but it also points us to the One who rescues us from it. Jesus Christ is the greater Noah who offers us salvation through His death and resurrection. Let us follow in the footsteps of Noah and boldly proclaim the message of hope that is found in Christ!

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

How is God calling your attention or warning you on any aspect of your life?

How is your walk with the Lord today? In what way can you grow?

What has the Lord done in your life that is worth sharing? Who do you need to witness about God to this week?

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See you at the Welcome Center, 2nd floor lobby!

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Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

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May 18, Thursday

10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM
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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13