

Welcome

Message: God Has Not Forgotten You
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PRAYER: Faithful and Unchanging God, thank You for reminding us that You never forget Your children, even in life's strangest and most painful seasons. Just as You remembered Noah in the flood, remind us today that Your hand has never left us, even when the storm feels endless. Give us the courage to hold on, the faith to trust Your timing, and the hope to believe that You are working our pain into something better. Meet us in this time together and let Your Word strengthen anyone here who feels forgotten. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Describe a season in your life that felt “strange” or unexpected — a time when things didn’t go the way you planned. Looking back, what got you through it?

INTRODUCTION: Genesis 7:17–8:1 tells the story of Noah, shut inside an ark while rain fell for forty days and floodwaters covered the earth for one hundred fifty more days after that. It was a strange and painful season—but it was not the end of Noah’s story. Genesis 8:1 gives us the turning point: “But God remembered Noah.” Noah’s flood reminds us of three powerful truths:

1. **Strange days have a deadline:** However long the storm feels it is not endless—God has already set its limits.
2. **God’s hand never lets go:** Even in the middle of destruction, God was actively preserving and protecting Noah and his family.
3. **Better days are coming:** The flood didn’t just destroy—it lifted the ark higher than it had ever been before.

As we dive into our questions today, let’s reflect on the “strange days” we’ve walked through, or may be walking through right now, and remember what God has called us to endure—trusting that He has not forgotten us and that He is working even now to bring us to higher ground.

BIBLE STUDY: Read Genesis 8:1 (NRSV): But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What’s one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message? What points did you find most insightful?

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2. *Strange Days Have a Deadline: The flood lasted forty days, but Scripture makes clear it did have an end—God had already set a deadline on the storm (Genesis 7:17).* What “strange days” or difficult season are you facing right now? What would it look like for you to hold onto your faith and keep going, trusting that this season has a deadline?
3. *God’s Hand Is Still on You: Everything around Noah was wiped out, yet he and those with him survived because God kept His hand on them (Genesis 7:23).* Can you recall a time you survived something that could have destroyed you? How did that experience shape our confidence in God’s protection over your life today?
4. *Better Days Are Ahead: After the floodwaters receded, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat—higher than where it started. What felt like destruction became the means of Noah’s elevation (Genesis 8:4).* Think of a painful season from your past that God eventually used to move you to a better place. How does remembering that story help you trust God in your current “strange days”?
5. *Holding On Through the Wait: The sermon reminds us not to make permanent decisions based on temporary circumstances, but to keep praying and showing up even when we don’t see immediate change.* What is one practical step you can take this week to protect your mind and faith while you wait on God, and how can you encourage someone else who feels like God has forgotten them?

LIVE IT OUT: Hold on through the bitter, because God can still produce the better. Keep praying, keep showing up, and keep trusting that God has not forgotten you—He is working even now to bring you to higher ground.

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CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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