

Family Discipleship Resource

November 17-23

(Genesis 8:1-19)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

You are faithful always. Grant me patience when I'm made to wait and remind me that you are always working in my waiting.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Genesis 8:1-19)

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. ²Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; ³and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased. ⁴In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; ⁷and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; ⁹but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. ¹²Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.

¹³Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

O – Observe what God has said

How would you feel if you were made to wait like Noah on the Ark?

What does God call Noah and his family to do?

W – Work on Application

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Though we may be far removed from Noah's situation and the global flood, the principles of this passage continue to speak loud and clear. God has cut a covenant with you and with me—a covenant of grace. Our hope in Jesus Christ and the heaven that is coming is the destiny we will one day reach after our journey through the storm of this world. However, for the time being, patience is required as the Lord tarries and time marches on. At times, I imagine that many of us feel like Noah in his ark. Like him, we see only a small section of what is going on and are made to wonder what is out there and what is coming. We throw out our birds to get a read on the world around us, hoping that relief is around the corner. In the meantime, that is required of us is obedience. Like Noah, our responsibility in this journey is simply to do what God instructs when He instructs it and how He instructs it. Who knows how things may have turned out if Noah had not done as he was told when he was told to do it! Just imagine what would have happened if Noah wasn't patient to wait and took matters into his own hands!

What are you waiting on the Lord to do right now?

What can we do while we wait on the Lord?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord"*-Psalm 27:14