

WEEK 3: NOAH

“But Noah found favor with the Lord.” – Genesis 6:8

Genesis 6-9

If you're tempted to think that things could not get any worse than facing another day being stuck at home, the story of Noah should bring you some comfort. Imagine being quarantined with two of every species?! And the resulting mess? Things are already looking somewhat better, right?

The world had become so sinful at the time of Noah that God was heartbroken. We don't often think about the fact that our sinful choices and behaviors can break God's heart, but they can and do. Think about the piercing your heart feels when you watch your kids make a bad choice and have to deal with the consequences. God experiences the same heartbreak watching his children sin.

Our world and culture can feel chaotic, just like Noah's must have. It can be hard to follow God and make choices that honor him in a world that assaults us with temptations to choose things that are wrong. Noah found favor with God because he was walking with Him. He found the courage to obey God, even when the people around him didn't, because he had learned to trust him. He didn't fall into peer pressure based on the actions of others.

We can follow God like Noah did. When we have a track record of walking with him and seeking his help and guidance for each decision, it becomes part of our nature to obey him. It doesn't mean we will never sin, but we will definitely know where to turn when we do. And the closer we walk with him, the more likely we will be to make choices that are pleasing to Him.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What do you think it means to walk with God like Noah did?
2. Is there something you know God wants you to do but you haven't done yet?
3. What's stopping you from obeying God?