



5 Daily Devotionals

Day 1 – Grace Comes First

Key Verse: *“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.”* – Genesis 6:8

Reflection:

Before Noah built an ark, before he obeyed, before he was called righteous, he found grace. That order matters. Grace always comes first. God did not look down and see a perfect man who earned rescue. He saw a sinner who trusted His promise. In a world unraveling with violence and rebellion, Noah simply believed that God was who He said He was.

We are tempted to think God blesses us because we are trying hard or improving. But if grace were based on effort, it would not be grace. Scripture tells us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. The Father loves us not because we earned it, but because He is love. Like a parent holding a newborn who has done nothing to deserve affection, God’s heart moves toward His children in mercy.

Today, rest in this: you are saved not by performance, but by promise fulfilled in Jesus.

Prayer:

Father, thank You that Your grace comes before my obedience. Forgive my sins for Jesus’ sake and help me trust Your love more deeply today. Amen.

Day 2 – Sheltered in the Ark

Key Verse: *“By faith Noah... built an ark to save his family.”* – Hebrews 11:7

Reflection:

The ark is one of the clearest pictures of Christ in all of Scripture. There was only one ark, and there is only one Savior. The ark had one door; Jesus says He is the door. The ark bore the storm; Christ bore the wrath of God. Those inside were safe not because they were worthy, but because they were sheltered.

Grace does not cancel judgment—it provides salvation through it. God did not stop the flood. He provided an ark. God will not cancel the final judgment either. He has provided His Son.

When we stand before God, we will not point to our accomplishments. The mountain of our sin would overwhelm us. Instead, we cling to Christ and say, “He is my righteousness.” And the Father, who promised mercy in His Son, will welcome us home.

The question is simple and urgent: Are you in the ark? Are you in Christ? The door of grace stands open now.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for sheltering me from judgment. Keep me in Your grace and strengthen my faith to remain in You. Amen.

Day 3 – Faith Obeys When It Doesn’t Understand

Key Verse: *“Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.”* – Genesis 6:22

Reflection:

Imagine building a massive vessel on dry land while neighbors laugh. Noah obeyed God’s Word even when it made no visible sense. Faith obeys when skies are clear. Faith trusts when others mock. Faith builds before the storm begins.

We often want full explanations before obedience. We negotiate. We adjust. We selectively follow. But Noah simply did what the Lord commanded. He trusted that God’s instructions were wise, even when he did not see the outcome.

God has given us what we need in His Word. He has shown us His will. He has given us Christ. We may not have every answer to every question, but we have His promises. And those promises are enough.

The life of faith is not about understanding everything—it is about trusting the One who does. When we follow His Word, we are walking in the safest place possible.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, help me obey Your Word even when I don’t understand. Give me a trusting heart and a willing spirit. Amen.

Day 4 – The God Who Sees

Key Verse: *“The Lord said to Noah... I have seen that you are righteous before me.”* – Genesis 7:1

Reflection:

God sees. He saw the violence and corruption of the world. He saw the rebellion. But He also saw Noah’s trust. God’s judgment flows from His holiness, not from cruelty. A good God must confront evil. If He ignored sin, He would not be good.

Yet even in judgment, grace shines. God gave warnings for centuries. He delayed. He called people to repentance. His patience was extraordinary. The flood was not rash anger; it was holy justice after prolonged mercy.

We live in a culture uncomfortable with judgment. We prefer affirmation without accountability. But Scripture shows us both truths: God is holy, and God is merciful. The cross of Christ holds them together. There, justice fell and mercy triumphed.

If you worry about the evil in the world—or in your own heart—remember this: the same God who judges sin has provided forgiveness in His Son.

Prayer:

Holy and merciful God, thank You that You see all things. Lead me to repentance and keep me safe in Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Day 5 – The Door Is Still Open

Key Verse: *“After seven days the waters of the flood came.”* – Genesis 7:10

Reflection:

For years the ark stood as a visible sermon. The door was open. The invitation was clear. But one day, the rain began—and the door was shut.

Jesus teaches that the days of Noah point forward to His return. Life will seem ordinary. People will carry on as usual. And then suddenly, the day will come. The time of grace we now enjoy will not last forever.

Yet today, the door stands open. Christ is proclaimed. Forgiveness is spoken. Sins are washed away. God’s patience continues because He desires that people turn and live.

Do not confuse God’s delay with denial. His timing is mercy. His waiting is grace. And for His children, even His “no” is loving wisdom. Trust Him. Pray boldly. Rest in His promises.

The question before every soul remains: Are you in Christ? If you are, you are secure. If you are not, the invitation still stands.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, keep me watchful and faithful. Thank You that the door of grace is open today. Hold me in Your promise until the day You return. Amen.

Small Group Discussion

Opening Icebreaker

Question:

Have you ever had to trust God in a season where His plan didn't make sense at the time? What helped (or hindered) your trust?

Key Text

- **Genesis 6:8–9** – “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a righteous man... Noah walked with God.”
 - **Hebrews 11:7** – “By faith Noah... constructed an ark for the saving of his household.”
 - **Romans 5:8** – “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
 - **John 10:9** – “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”
 - **2 Corinthians 1:20** – “All the promises of God find their Yes in Him.”
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1. Grace Comes First

Noah was called “righteous,” yet he was not sinless. Scripture first says he **found grace** (favor) in God's eyes. That is always the order: grace first, then faith, then obedience.

God did not choose Noah because he was perfect. He chose him out of sheer mercy. The same is true for us. We are not saved because God sees potential in us. We are saved because of Christ alone.

Like a parent loving a newborn child, God's love is not earned. If grace were based on merit, it would no longer be grace. We deserve judgment, yet in Christ we receive mercy.

Gospel Truth: We are saved not because we deserve it, but because we are sheltered in Christ—just as Noah was sheltered in the ark.

2. The Ark Points to Christ

The ark is one of the clearest Old Testament pictures of Jesus:

- There was **one ark** → There is **one Savior**.
- The ark had **one door** → Jesus says He is the door (John 10:9).
- The ark bore the storm → Christ bore God's wrath.
- Those inside were safe not because they were worthy, but because they were covered.

Grace does not cancel judgment. Instead, grace provides salvation **through** judgment. God did not remove the flood; He provided an ark. God does not remove the final judgment; He provides Christ.

Discussion Question:

What comforts you most about seeing Christ pictured in the ark?

3. Faith Obeys, Even When It Doesn't Understand

Noah built an enormous vessel on dry land. For 120 years he endured mockery and doubt. Yet Hebrews says he acted "by faith."

Faith trusts God's Word—even when circumstances contradict it. Faith builds when skies are clear. Faith keeps going when others laugh.

In our lives, obedience often comes before understanding. God does not reveal everything, but He reveals enough to trust Him.

Discussion Questions:

- Where might God be calling you to obedience right now?
 - Why is it tempting to "negotiate" with God's clear Word?
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4. God's Judgment Is Real—and So Is His Patience

The flood was not rash anger. It came after centuries of warning. God's patience is long—but not endless.

Jesus Himself compared the last day to the days of Noah (Matthew 24). Life went on as usual until the door closed.

Today, the door of salvation is open. One day it will close. The question is simple: **Are you in Christ?**

Discussion Question:

How does remembering both God's holiness and His mercy shape the way we live?

5. God's Promises (Covenants) Are Sure

God establishes His promises. He does not bargain or change terms. And every promise finds its "Yes" in Christ.

Even when prayers seem delayed, delay is not denial. God's timing is part of His loving wisdom. We trust not because we see the outcome, but because we know the Father.

Application

- Rest in grace: Your salvation rests entirely on Christ.
 - Walk in trust: Obey even when you do not understand.
 - Live watchfully: The day of grace is now.
 - Encourage one another: Point each other back to the ark—back to Jesus.
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Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We confess that we often doubt Your goodness and question Your timing. Forgive us for trying to earn what You freely give and for negotiating with Your Word.

Thank You for the greater Ark—Your Son, Jesus Christ—who bore judgment in our place and shelters us by grace alone. Strengthen our faith to trust You when skies are clear and when storms rise. Keep us in Christ until the day we see You face to face.

In Jesus' name, Amen.