

"Noah And The Ark" (Genesis 6:5-22)

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"It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith." (Hebrews 11:7)

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Thought for the Week

FIVE LESSONS FROM NOAH THAT WE STILL NEED TODAY (adapted from an article by Bobbie Schaeperkoetter)

If you ever thought that the ancient stories of the Bible aren't relevant to you today, then let's look at the story of Noah and the ark and see if it's truths stand the test of time.

- **1.** We can grieve the heart of God with our sin. Just like any good Father, he is grieved by our disobedience and sin. In Noah's days, the people were so sinful that God's heart was deeply grieved (Genesis 6:5-6). God was grieved by sin then and He's grieved by our sin now. He can't just ignore it because He is a holy and righteous God.
- 2. God always provides a way for us to begin again with Him. Although God must judge sin, he is also merciful, loving, and full of grace. He will never leave us without a way to come back to Him. Even in a worldwide flood, God provided a way for Noah and his family to be saved by shutting them in the ark. He is willing to do the same for you today. It's never too late for new beginnings because God will always provide a way.
- **3.** We will not always understand God and His ways, but we can trust Him. Noah must have wondered if God's plan was good, after all, a worldwide flood seems very harsh. However, God had an eternal plan in mind. He knew that the sinful state of the world was self-destructive and he loved the world enough to intervene. His plan ultimately provided a way for you and me to come to salvation. God sees the bigger picture, so we must trust Him even when we don't understand His ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- **4.** We can obey God even if the world thinks we are crazy. Speaking of things that are hard to understand, Noah must have faced lots of opposition, ridicule and rejection as he built a massive ark when it had never rained like God told Noah that it would. Yet, Noah obeyed and held fast to what he knew was right, and God rewarded his obedience. Sometimes obeying God means believing and doing things that the world won't understand, but we know that God honours our obedience to him.
- **5.** All things are possible with God. As Christians, we believe that the Bible is 100 percent true, and that means that we believe in a flood that covered the whole earth. We believe in a God that warned, instructed, and protected Noah and his family and loved creation enough to send animals into the ark to protect them. God is able to do far above what we know, expect, and even understand. That was true of Him then and it's still true of Him today. He did it in Noah's situation and He can do it in yours.

God bless. Pastor John

Prayer Points

- Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.
- Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.
- For our deacons Chris, Nikki, Sue, Kristy and Steve. For strength, courage, wisdom, unity and a strong walk with the Lord.
- Trisha as she heads over to Bangladesh and India.

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY 9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters

FRIDAY 9:30AM Playgroup 4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS: 16th Melle Thorne,

WANTED

We are in need or more volunteers to be on our Creche roster. We can get up to 6 toddlers and you will always be with another adult. Ideally, if we can get enough volunteers, you'll only need to be rostered twice a quarter. If you can help please see Anneli or Lisa.

CARE OUTREACH MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Care outreach volunteers will soon be heading out west to visit families and deliver about 800 gift packages to outback mums for Mother's Day. Some items are still needed and we are asking for your help (ladies toiletries- gift box sets, soaps, hand lotions, moisturisers, matching washer and hand towel sets). Please bring any donations to the church over the next three weeks and put them in the box situated in the church gallery. Or alternatively, you can take them directly to Care Outreach.



For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.

Genesis 7:4 (ESV)

SOCCER HOME GAME

Our first home game of the year is on next Saturday 16th March. As usual we would love to invite some volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and be a ground official. With Pastor John and Shauna leaving soon we will need to fill those gaps. To help you plan to do that we have all 8 home games on the sign up board in the gallery. Please look at your calendars and put your name down in a time slot on a day that suits you best.

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Our Good Friday service will be held at 8am and our Easter Sunday service at the normal time of 9am.