

Write down some ways that you could reflect God's character by offering a grace period to those in your life who need it.

*Thank God today for the grace periods he has given you. Thank him for the ultimate saving grace found in Jesus Christ. Ask him for the patience and love to reflect grace to those around you.*

## Thursday

Please read Genesis 6:18-19 and 2 Peter 3. How is the description of the Day of the Lord from 2 Peter 3, similar to how people were living in the days of Noah? How do these verses demonstrate God's desire to save any and all who will call on him? How do you see the Lord's saving patience in your life? In light of God's patience and his desire to save, how should you live your life?

*Thank the Lord today for his love for you and his patience with you. Pray for those you know who have not yet accepted God's free gift of salvation.*

## Friday

Please read Genesis 7:11, 17-18 and Romans 10:8-10. No matter how we try to manage life, in the end we do not know how long we have on this earth. Have you responded to God's desire to save you? If so, when? Spend some time listening to God today. In what other areas of your life is God asking you to respond to him? What is keeping you from following through? How will you follow through and submit to God's call?

*Thank God today for saving you. Talk to him about the other ways you believe he's calling you to respond. Commit your life and heart to him and pray that you'll be willing to submit to God's ways and be obedient to his call.*

## Saturday

Please read Job 1 to prepare yourself for tomorrow's message.

*Ask God to prepare your heart so that you can worship him in Spirit and truth as you come together with your brothers and sisters tomorrow. Pray for both of our Sunday services, that they will clearly show God's grace and truth to all who attend.*



# The Storms of Life

Message by Rick McRostie on Sunday, October 18, 2015

*"I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until this violent storm is past." Psalm 57:1b (NLT)*

## The Ultimate Storm

### The Problem:

*The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain... Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. Genesis 6:5-6, 11*

### God's Response:

#### 1. God promises a coming \_\_\_\_\_

*So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth... for I am grieved that I have made them... I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish." Genesis 6:7, 17*

#### 2. God provides a \_\_\_\_\_

*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD... Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9*

*By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family... and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. Hebrew 11:7*

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*



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### 3. God provides a \_\_\_\_\_

*So make yourself an ark... I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.*

Genesis 6:14a, 18-19

*...God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built....* 1 Peter 3:20b

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* 2 Peter 3:9

### • Saving faith leads to \_\_\_\_\_

*Noah did everything just as God commanded him.* Genesis 6:22

### My response: \_\_\_\_\_

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. .* John 3:16-17

## Daily Meditations

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Spend some time each day reading God's Word and meditating on Sunday's topic...

### This week's memory verse:

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### Monday

Please read Genesis 6:5-22. Write down three things that most stand out to you from this passage.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Put yourself in Noah's shoes (or sandals) for a moment. How would you feel if you heard God tell you to do something that seemed impossible, unnecessary, and outrageous? What fears do you think Noah faced? Why do you think Noah obeyed God?

*Thank God today for the Bible. Thank him for the story of Noah and ask him to help you learn the life lessons he has for you from this story. Ask him to soften your heart and develop in you a willingness to obey God no matter what.*

### Tuesday

Please read Genesis 6:17, Psalm 9:7-8, and Matthew 24:37-39.

What do you learn about God's judgment in these verses? What part of God's judgment is hardest for you to understand? How can these verses help "round-out" your view of God's judgment? Read Psalm 94. The interesting thing about judgment is that there are times when we long to see God's judgment on others (as the psalmist does in this passage) though we do not welcome it in our own lives. Do you identify with the writer of Psalm 94? How does it help you to know that judgment is ultimately in God's hands?

*Thank God today that you are not in charge of judging the people around you. Thank God for his holiness and that his judgments are perfect. Talk to God about the things you wish he would judge. Commit to pray for that situation and ask God to use you however he desires to demonstrate his love and grace.*

### Wednesday

Please read Genesis 6:8-9, Hebrews 11:7, and Romans 6:23. How did God provide a period of grace for Noah and those who lived in his time? Recall a time that you look back on and realize that God was providing a period of grace for you. How did you respond? Withholding judgment and offering grace is difficult to do when you know you are right. Think about your relationships right now.