

## WHEN NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOUR GOAL

How God Turns Setbacks into Comebacks  
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Lessons from Noah's Life: Genesis 6-9

### FOUR CHOICES I MUST MAKE IN ORDER TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE & PLAN FOR MY LIFE

#### 1. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*"This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God's approval and was a man of integrity among the people of his time."* Genesis 6:9 (GW)

*"Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth."* Genesis 6:11-12 (ESV)

*"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart."*  
Genesis 6:5-6 (TLB)

Jesus said, *"When the Son of Man comes again, it will be as it was when Noah lived."* Luke 17:26 (NCV)

*"But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah."* Genesis 6:8 (MSG)

*"Noah was a pleasure to the Lord."* Genesis 6:8 (TLB)

*"God said to Noah, ' . . . out of everyone in this generation, you're the righteous one.'" Genesis 7:1 (MSG)*

#### 2. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*"It was by faith that Noah heard God's warnings about things he could not yet see."* Hebrews 11:7 (NCV)

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see."* Hebrews 11:1 (NET)

*"We don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."* 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

*"Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world."* Hebrews 11:7 (TLB)

*"He walked faithfully with God."* Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

*"He walked in close fellowship with God."* Genesis 6:9 (NLT)

*"He lived in fellowship with God."* Genesis 6:9 (GNT)

God told Noah, *"I'm going to send a flood that will destroy everything that breathes! Nothing will be left alive. But I solemnly promise that you, your wife, your sons, and your daughters-in-law will be kept safe in the boat."*  
Genesis 6:17-18 (CEV)

#### 3. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*"He obeyed God and built a boat in which he and his family were saved."*  
Hebrews 11:7 (GNT)

*"Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side . . . Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood . . . And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.' So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him."*  
Genesis 6:14-22 (NLT)

*"Finally the day came when the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the boat with all your family . . . Bring in the animals, too—a pair of each, except those kinds I have chosen for eating and for sacrifice: take seven pairs of each of them, and seven pairs of every kind of bird . . . Noah did everything the Lord commanded him.'" Genesis 7:1-5 (TLB)*

*"He always followed God."* Genesis 6:9 (ERV)

*"He tried always to conduct his affairs according to God's will."*  
Genesis 6:9 (TLB)

#### 4. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*"Noah was another who trusted God. When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was no sign of a flood."*  
Hebrews 11:7 (TLB)

*"By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through faith."* Hebrews 11:7 (NCV)

*"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."* Genesis 6:8 (KJV)

*Next Step*

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