NOAH A Successful Father

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Here's a bold statement:

NOAH'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN BUILDING THE ARK!!

IT WAS HIS FAMILY'S FAITH!!

He was a great father and the father of us all after the flood

Genesis 6:1-4

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

This sets the backdrop for the depravity that humankind falls into

Genesis 6:5-6

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

→ Look at how strong the language used is here

→"grieved him at his heart" (Hebrew here means indignant rage)

→ An age of wickedness, violence and evil thinking

WHAT DOES THIS SOUND LIKE??

MODERN SOCIETY!!

Genesis 6:7

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

→ The sin of man has made God regret his creation

→ He wants to destroy everything

WHAT STOPS HIM? WHO STOPS HIM?

A righteous man named Noah

HOW DID NOAH SUCCEED AS A FATHER DURING SUCH DIFFICULT TIMES?

Genesis 6:8-9

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

→ Noah represents the righteous remnant in his day

GOD ALWAYS ESTABLISHES AND PRESERVES A REMNANT DURING DARK TIMES!!

BUT WE HAVE TO HOLD UP OUR END OF THE BARGAIN!!!

Here a couple facts about Noah:

→ Noah walked with God by faith

→ His integrity is evidence of his trust in God

→ Noah's way of life distinguishes him from everyone else during this time

DOES YOUR LIFE DISTINGUISH YOU FROM EVERYONE ELSE??

→ Noah was consistent in his daily living

→ He was declared righteous by faith

Hebrews 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. with God.

Compare how God describes Noah versus his neighbors

Neighbors → → Corrupt, evil, violent, wicked

Noah → → Blameless (not sinless), just, walking with God

2 Peter 2:5

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Peter calls Noah a "preacher of righteousness"

→ He told others of their sins and pointed them to God

YOU DONT HAVE TO BE A PREACHER TO DO THIS!!!

Unfortunately, Noah had no converts outside his own family

HOW DISCOURAGING MUST THIS HAVE BEEN?

Despite this, Noah stayed true to God and the work he had given him

HAVE YOU STAYED FAITHFUL AND LOYAL TO GOD WHEN THINGS HAVEN'T GONE THE WAY YOU EXPECTED??

Noah's family saw his faithful work and followed him

→ Never underestimate how crucial this was!!!

HAS YOUR FAMILY SEEN YOUR FAITHFUL WALK AND FOLLOWED YOU TOO?

OR

HAVE THEY FOLLOWED THE WORLD INSTEAD??

Genesis 7:1

1 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

THIS MIGHT BE THE GREATEST THING NOAH EVER DID!!

HOW EASY WOULD IT HAVE BEEN FOR HIS FAMILY TO FOLLOW EVERYONE ELSE??

Noah might not have been a a great preacher, but he was a great practicer

FAMILY MEMBERS ARE USUALLY THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO YOUR FAITH!!!

→ What a great day for Noah and his family to be saved!!

This is not a easy time to be a father/mother/parents/grandparents

As God's grace was sufficient for Noah back then, it is sufficient for us today as well!!!

MAY GOD ENABLE US TO WIN OUR FAMILIES AND OTHERS TO CHRIST!!

→ Let us walk with God

→ Let us keep our witness for Christ consistent

→ Let us expect our families to follow us in faith

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