

Noah: A Faith that  
Pleases God

# WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION TO KNOWING GOD SEES EVERY DETAIL OF YOUR LIFE?

## The POINT >

Living by faith begins with a righteous relationship with God.

### > GENESIS 6:5-9,17-22; 8:20-22

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

<sup>17</sup>For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.

<sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing

of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. <sup>22</sup>While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."



# THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

## FACT:

When it comes to gift giving, you've probably heard that it's the thought that counts. As it turns out, it can hurt a relationship when people receive thoughtless gifts, too.<sup>1</sup>



## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // GOD

God is Creator, and all creation is a result of His work. He created people in His image and as His crowning achievement to enjoy a relationship with Him and reflect His glory.

Recently, my wife and I were talking about what to buy our son for his birthday, and we mentioned getting a ping-pong table. Then, lo and behold, the next time I opened my social media app to scroll through my feed, I was bombarded with ads about—you guessed it!—ping-pong tables.


We live in a world where somebody somewhere is tracking information about our lives in more ways than we'd care to admit. Really, it can be pretty unsettling to know that tech companies and even strangers with bad intent have access to so many details of our lives. What we often fail to realize is that the God of the universe knows not only the videos we've watched or the terms we've searched for on our phones, but He also knows every choice we make and every word we speak. God knows even our deepest thoughts, desires, and motives. Here's the question: How does God respond to all the things He knows about us? He responds with judgment or grace, depending on our relationship with Jesus.

God knew everything about Noah, yet God walked with him and called him righteous. Let's look deeper into Noah's relationship with God.

## GENESIS 6:5-9

**1** When have you found it difficult to stand out from the crowd?

**2** How does your life shine the gospel of Jesus into the darkness?



*We live in a  
broken and sinful  
world, and we're  
called to live  
set-apart lives  
that stand out  
from the crowd.  
#BSFLRisk-Takers*

## GENESIS 6:17-22

**3** How do you think you might have felt if God came to you with the news of the flood?

**4** What can we learn from Noah working to build the ark and waiting for the flood for 120 years?

**5** How does your life demonstrate a faith similar to Noah's?

## GENESIS 8:20-22

**6** What's the first thing you would have done after a year on the ark?

**7** How do your worship practices show that you're willing to make significant sacrifices for God?

**8** How do God's two promises impact you today?



# LIVE IT OUT



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God created people to live in relationship with Himself. As we grow in knowing Him more deeply, we become more and more like God. And as we are like Him, we reflect Him to the world around us. This all begins with a close relationship with God.

## > CHRIST

First John 1:9 says we are to confess our sins to God and He will forgive us. Being reconciled to God requires that we take responsibility for our choices and agree with God about the ways we've offended His standards.

**9** Right now, confess to God and ask Him to restore to you a right relationship with Him.

### GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY  
& WORLD

**10** This week, take time to memorize 1 John 1:9. Begin by writing it below:

## > COMMUNITY

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Our relationship with God is personal. However, this doesn't mean that it's private, and we are called to live out our faith within the church community.

**11** How does your life demonstrate a commitment to the church?



**12** This week, commit to being involved in your church. As a starting point, consider attending Sunday gatherings and small groups regularly.

## > CULTURE

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Noah lived out his relationship with God not only before the Lord and his family but also before the world. Noah proclaimed his faith through his words and his obedience. We are called to declare our faith in these same ways, through faithfully obeying God and sharing the truth of Jesus with people in our lives who are far from God.

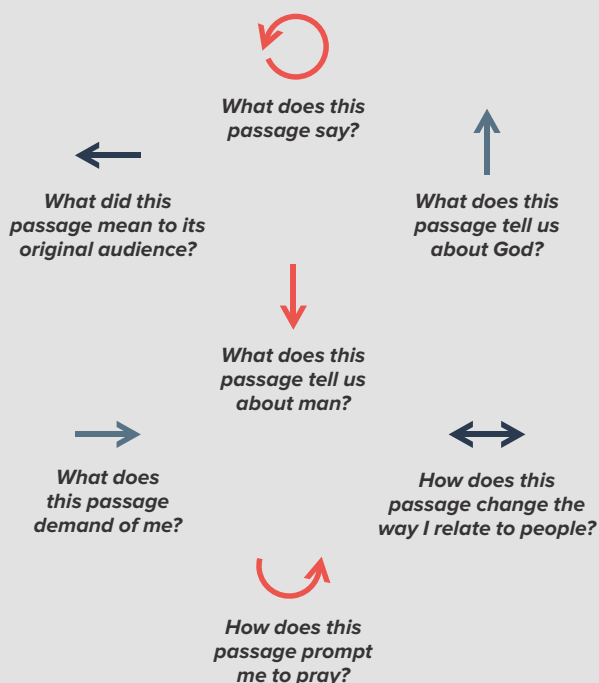
**13** This week, how will you commit to sharing your faith through obedience?

**14** How will you share the truth of Jesus through your words?

# DAILY DEVOTIONS



## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



## Day One

# 1 JOHN 2:24-25

The apostle John wrote the letter of 1 John and the Gospel account we know as John. Now an old man, John assumed his readers were familiar with the Gospel he had written years before, and he wanted these Christians to understand that the gospel is central to our lives as followers of Jesus. In John 20:30-31, John wrote, “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (CSB). The stories John told about the life and ministry of Jesus were for the purpose of moving hearers to true belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world. Now, John wrote to remind the church that this purpose hadn’t changed—faith in Jesus was still of highest importance, and for those who truly believe, they will remain unwaveringly in Christ. With eternal life ahead of us, we continue in devotion to Jesus each day.

➤ **What was the purpose of John’s Gospel?**

➤ **Why is continuing in devotion to Jesus so important?**



## Day Two

# 1 JOHN 2:26

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John wrote to remind the church of the centrality of the gospel, specifically in response to false teachers who were teaching an idea called *gnosticism*. Gnostics believed that the spirit was good but matter was evil, and that anything done in the body had essentially no meaning because the true reality was spiritual in nature. Therefore, even the worst bodily sins were permissible. These teachings were creeping into the church, and John wanted these Christians to understand the truth. Today, we live in a world that teaches all kinds of ideas and values that go against the teachings of the Bible. We need to be so thoroughly familiar with the truths of Scripture that when we encounter false teaching, we recognize it immediately.

- **What are some false teachings that our culture lifts up as right and true?**
- **Why is it so important that our beliefs and values are informed by Scripture?**

## Day Three

# 1 JOHN 2:27

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As followers of Jesus, it's important for us to live continually in the fellowship of other believers in the context of a healthy church family. In our churches, we are challenged and encouraged, we engage in worship and prayer, and we grow in understanding and applying the Word as we learn from mature teachers. As important as all these things are, John reminds the church here that ultimately it's the Holy Spirit who is our Teacher, opens our eyes to the truth, and leads us in following Jesus. Whatever teaching we hear, we are to compare it with the perfect standard of God's Word, praying earnestly that the Spirit would help us to understand the truth.

- **Why does God call us to be continually engaged in the life of the church?**
- **What is the Spirit's role in helping us to understand and apply scriptural truth?**

## Day Four

# 1 JOHN 2:28

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The word *abide* means “to dwell or remain.” It refers not only to a physical place where we live, but to patterns that define the ways we live. In the face of false teaching, the apostle John emphasized the importance of continuing to live as followers of Jesus. The Christians he addressed, if they bought into the false teachings, might have been tempted to walk away from Jesus. But there was a coming judgment, and there would be serious consequences if they left the faith. Rather than receiving the lies of the false teachers, John challenges these Christians to hold tightly to their faith and remain steadfastly committed to Jesus. Today, there are many temptations that promise meaning, fulfillment, or pleasure but are outside God’s standards for His people. We need to remember that, one day soon, Jesus will come again to judge the earth. We can have confidence before Him only if we remain in Christ, living by faith in Him every day.

➤ **What does it mean to remain in Jesus?**

➤ **Why does John point out that Jesus will appear soon?**

## Day Five

# 1 JOHN 2:29

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A truth that is foundational to our faith is that Jesus is righteous. This means specifically that Jesus always did what was right according to the standards of God’s law. Jesus is perfect and never did any wrong. To be our Savior, it was necessary that Jesus was righteous. Further, to be forgiven of sin, we must be righteous too. However, it’s impossible that any person other than Jesus could ever live up to God’s standards. Thankfully, when we come to faith in Jesus, His righteousness is credited to us—this is the only way we could be righteous before God. We could never earn God’s forgiveness through righteous living. However, one evidence of true salvation is that we do what’s right, like Jesus, as an expression of gratitude for God’s grace. Today, commit to righteous living, because God deserves no less from us.

➤ **Why was it necessary for our salvation that Jesus lived a righteous life?**

➤ **What is the connection between true faith and righteous living?**