

## 2022 Oxford Baptist Church – Robin W. Pifer

### Series: Relationships Rescued – Family of Faith – Genesis 6-8

#### Introduction

- Can God rescue and save your family?
- Can God use his Church to make a difference in people's lives who have no families? Psalm 68:6 God sets the lonely in **families**.
- God wants families and His Church to be Families of Faith.
- Genesis 6:9-22
  - Why Noah? v. 9-10
  - No Guilt, No Shame and No Compromise.
  - **As Noah Listened and Obeyed, God worked in his life.**
- People were calling on the name of the Lord. Genesis 4:26
- Genesis 5 – Genealogy from Adam to Noah
- 1Cor 7; Hebrews 11:7; 1Peter 4:5 - a preacher of righteousness.
- **Noah believed in God by faith, resulting in God's provision, protection, and providence transforming future generations.**

#### Noah Believed God Would PROVIDE for His Family

- Philippians 4:19 – *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*
- Did God provide for Noah's family?
- Will he provide for your family as you walk faithfully with him?
- Will God continue to supply our needs as a church family?
- **Genesis 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.**

#### Noah Believed God Would PROTECT His Family

- Psalm 32:7 – *“You are my hiding place; you will **protect** me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”*
- Psalm 91:14 – *“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.”*
- 1Peter 2:5 – *“if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;”*

- 2Thess 3:3 – *“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and **protect** you from the evil one.”*
- Did God protect Noah through the most tremendous storm and upheaval on the earth? Did God protect Noah, his wife and his family from the judgement that came?
- Has the Lord protected you and your family as you have faithfully followed Him?
- That does not mean we will not have hard times or go through trials – He will help us through the storms of this life.
- Has the Lord protected us as a church in the last few months?

#### Noah Believed in God's PROVIDENCE for His Family.

- **What is providence?**
  - "Divine providence is the governance of God by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for and directs all things in the universe. The doctrine of divine providence asserts that God is in complete control of all things. Through divine providence, God accomplishes His will. To ensure that His purposes are fulfilled, God governs the affairs of men and works through the natural order of things."
  - "One of the oldest sayings of the ancient Church summarizes the essence of the relationship between God and His people: Deus pro nobis. It means "God for us." That is what the doctrine of providence is all about. It is God's being for His people."
- We need to understand the providence of God as a family of faith.
  - **God has a purpose for your family and his Church**
  - **God has a plan for your family and his Church**
  - **Destiny and Legacy that gives glory to God.**
  - Has Guilt, Shame and Compromise driven your personal life or family life – resulting in silence, anger, fear or division?
    - Heb 12:1-3 – Go to Christ and the Cross.

### **Concluding Questions**

- Are we going to be a family of faith? Are we going to continue to grow to be a family of Faith – Praying, Worshipping, Serving and glorifying God with our lives?
- What is your spiritual goal for 2022?
- What is your serving goal for 2022?
- Who will pray for, talk to and serve this year who needs Jesus?
- Like Noah and his family – God wants to protect, provide and produce his providential plan and purpose for your family. So will you faithfully trust the Lord and walk with him?
- Will you be a faithful member of this eternal and local church family? As long as we are under his authority, we will experience His protection, provision and providential plan for us.