

The Descendants of Faith

Genesis 6:1-8

Life Group Discussion – March 24th, 2019

When we think of the line that Jesus came from, we think of the descendants of Adam or many others from the Old Testament.

But remember that it was only Noah and his family that survived the flood that destroyed the entire world. It was through his line and his faith that we are here today. There is much to learn from this man who was different than everyone else and who loved God when all others turned to the world.

How was Noah different?

1. Noah married well

The sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. (Genesis 6:2)

At that time, there were relationships that were not meant to be. And because of this, people continued to fall further and further away from God. However, we know that Noah was not one of these men and we see that he married well and had children who were loyal and faithful.

When you look throughout the Bible, God tells his people not to marry outside of their nation. Why is this? It's not because mixing of races is bad, it's because their faith would be mixed. When a person of faith marries a person of no faith, it is much more likely that both will fall away from God than both go towards Him.

This is why marrying well is so important. Money is not important, looks are not important, and these other superficial things are not what you should look at for marriage. Focus on their faith and you will be happy.

2. Noah wore God's grace

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

God loved Noah and we see that there was special favor for him. God chooses whoever He wants to love but we know that Noah was a man of faith and this pleased God greatly. In order to be like Noah, it's important that we are thankful everyday and are humble in how we look at others and to God. When you look at all the great men in the Bible, they encompassed these traits.

The most important thing we can do when we worship God is to come with a heart of sincerity. There is no reason to act holy or act superficial, God already sees your heart. But if you come to Him with sincerity, then you will see your sin and see the greatness of God. It is with this lens that you will ask for repentance.

This is the same problem that many people deal with when it comes to tithing and offering. When we come to God with a heart of sincerity and thankfulness, offering to God what is already His will be natural. When you do not give of your money, that is not a money problem, it's a faith problem.

Look at Noah and his faith – he was man who loved the Lord and found favor in His eyes. And this will come to you if you have the right heart and the right attitude...so look at yourself now with a clear mind and assess your relationship with God.

Shining Star is not a church that will sugarcoat the gospel, nor are we a church that simply wants to preach only nice things. The Bible shows us what we need to do, and the Bible is showing you your faith. Are you a person of faith?

SHARING-----

1. We learned two specific things about Noah in this passage. What about this sermon, and specifically these two points, spoke to you the most?
2. The title of the sermon was "Descendants of Faith". When you look at your family or your future family, what are somethings you can do to help grow them in faith?