



WHICH WAY DO I GO?

Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. – Genesis 6:9b

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

READ GENESIS 6:9 - 9:17

Life is full of choices. It sounds trite, but it's true. Whether it's something as trivial as what to have for breakfast or as potentially life-changing as a move, you can't get through a day without making hundreds (if not thousands) of choices. It would really be nice if God would just lay out his exact plans for us from start to finish of each new day.

When God decided to flood the Earth, he gave Noah very detailed plans about how he and his family would survive. Noah followed the instructions to a T, including inviting two of EVERY type of animal onto the ark with him and his family. Can you imagine the noise, the smell, the cramped quarters?! But they survived and went on to repopulate the Earth. God promised to never again destroy the Earth by flood.

And we aren't left without a word from God either. He gives us his plans and reveals who he is in the Bible. It's not always as easy to apply God's instructions as it was for Noah to follow the "How to Build an Ark" manual that God gave him in Genesis 6. But we can receive the courage and wisdom the Bible has to offer by spending time daily in its pages. God has been gracious to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit, who can be our counselor and who will lead and guide us in each step we take. With every step we take, may we be known like Noah – a righteous man or woman that walks in close fellowship with God – men and women of faith!

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. The Bible tells us Noah "walked in close fellowship with God." (Genesis 6:9b) How did this help him when it came time to build the ark?
2. What are ways you are fellowshiping with God on a regular basis? How have you seen the benefits of that in your own life? How could you improve on that?
3. What are some of the things we can know for sure are a part of God's plans for us?
4. Imagine the faith it took for Noah to obey God – he wasn't like anyone else, and he was building a boat larger than anyone thought possible or necessary – yet he was righteous! Spend a few minutes praying that God would give you that kind of faith.