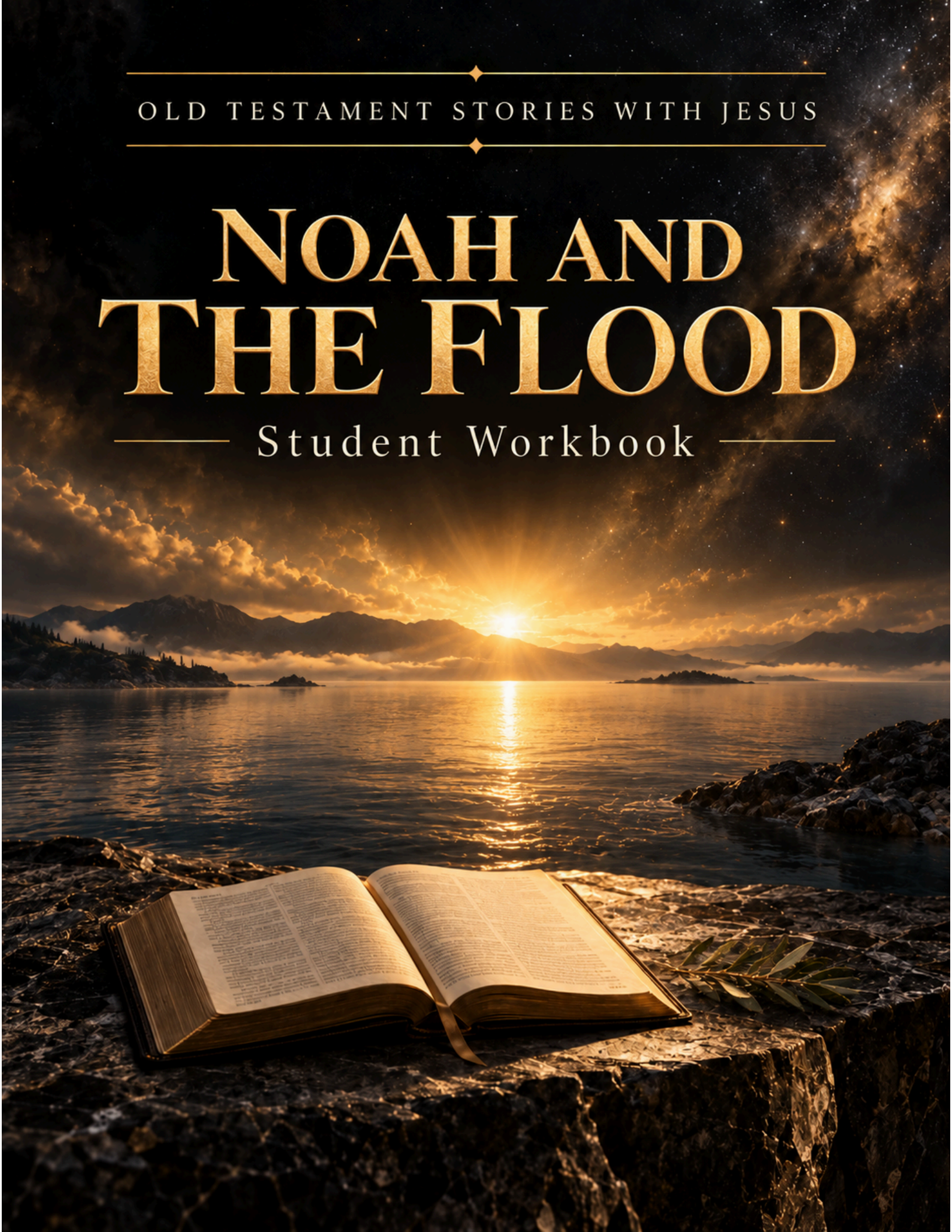
OLD TESTAMENT STORIES WITH JESUS

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Student Workbook



THE FLOOD WAS NOT THE END

Noah and the Flood • Genesis 6:1–9:29 • Extended Student Study Workbook

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK: This study workbook is designed to help you move from listening to the sermon to observing the biblical text, understanding the main theological ideas, examining your own heart, and practicing a faithful response in daily life.

Read slowly, write your responses directly in the space provided, and keep the overarching biblical storyline in view: God judges evil and preserves His world, but the human heart still needs His redemption.

1. Overview & Main Idea

Sermon Title & Passage:	The Flood Was Not the End | Primary Scripture: Genesis 6:1–9:29
Series Context:	OT Stories With Jesus (Sermon 03). Follows creation and human rebellion, tracing the grand rescue arc: Creation → Rebellion → Judgment & Preservation → Promise → Redemption → Anointed King → Mercy to the Nations → Kingdom Awaited → Jesus Christ → New Creation.
Core Kingdom Focus:	God's holy confrontation of pervasive evil, His merciful preservation of creation, His unconditional covenant, and humanity's continuing need for heart-level redemption in Christ.

THE BIG PICTURE: The Creator rules over a world that human evil has deeply corrupted, and He answers that evil with judgment. Yet He preserves people and living creatures and commits Himself to the earth's continuing life through covenant. Because evil remains in the human heart after the flood, the story still needs the deeper redemption later Scripture announces through Christ.

STUDENT TAKEAWAY — WHY THIS MATTERS FOR YOUR DAILY LIFE: Sin reaches farther than our private thoughts; dishonesty, contempt, and cruelty harm real people. A fresh environment or practical change can help you, but a change of surroundings cannot by itself remove sinful desires. You need the risen Christ, who brings sinners to God and gives hope beyond sin and death.

1. Starting Reflection: Which part of Noah's story have you usually noticed most (e.g., the animals, ark, floodwaters, or rainbow)? Which part of 'The Big Picture' above feels new, challenging, or especially important to you?

YOUR INITIAL REFLECTION:

2. Life Application Check: Have you ever experienced a situation where changing your surroundings or schedule helped you, but you realized your inner desires and attitudes still needed God's work? Explain briefly.

YOUR PERSONAL OBSERVATION:

2. Scripture Focus & Observation (Full Passages Included)

Read the full primary scripture text and canonical cross-reference anchors below (CSB Translation). Pay close attention to how Genesis 6–9 moves from divine diagnosis to judgment, preservation, covenant, and the post-flood persistence of sin.

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE FOCUS — GENESIS 6:5–8 (CSB)
PRESERVATION THROUGH JUDGMENT — GENESIS 7:17, 21–23; 8:1 (CSB)

DIVINE COVENANT & UNCHANGED HEART — GENESIS 8:20–21; 9:11–13 (CSB)
THE UNFINISHED HUMAN PROBLEM — GENESIS 9:20–23, 28–29 (CSB)

NEW TESTAMENT CANONICAL ANCHOR — 1 PETER 3:18, 20–22 (CSB)
CROSS-REFERENCES: HEBREWS 11:7; 2 PETER 3:13; EZEKIEL 36:26 (CSB)

Contextual Notes: How Noah & the Flood Connects to Jesus & the Gospel Arc

1. Creation Reversal & Preservation: In Genesis 6–7, the waters overwhelm dry land, reversing the ordering of Genesis 1. In Genesis 8, wind (ruach) passes over the waters, dry land appears, and life is renewed. God preserves creation rather than abandoning it.
2. Judgment Alone Does Not Cure the Heart: Genesis 8:21 states that 'the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth onward' EVEN AFTER the flood. Preservation keeps history moving forward, but humanity still needs inward heart transformation.
3. The True Rescue in Christ: 1 Peter 3:18–22 connects Noah's deliverance through water to Christian baptism, pointing directly to the risen Savior who suffered for sins 'that he might bring you to God.' Christ accomplishes the ultimate heart renewal and new creation (2 Peter 3:13).

Verse Mapping Observation 1: Mark or list repeated words in Genesis 6–9 regarding evil, corruption, life, obedience, remembering, and covenant. Write down three specific words or patterns and their verse locations.

YOUR TEXT OBSERVATIONS:

Verse Mapping Observation 2: Compare Genesis 6:5 ('every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time') with Genesis 8:21 ('even though the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth onward'). What does this repetition reveal about the limits of judgment by water?

YOUR THEOLOGICAL OBSERVATION:

3. Key Word Studies & Concepts Unpacked

1. Shāḥat (שָׁחַת) "Corruption / Destruction" (Genesis 6:11–13)	Definition & Meaning: Shāḥat describes active corruption, ruin, or destruction. In Genesis 6, the earth is 'corrupt' (shāḥat) in God's sight, humanity has 'corrupted' its way, and God announces He will 'destroy' (shāḥat) them with the earth. Student Insight: The same Hebrew root ties human corruption to divine judgment. Sin is not a private, harmless preference; it ruins relationships, brings public harm (ḥamās / violence), and spoils the good world God made.

Quick Check — Shāḥat: Where do you see human corruption or dishonesty producing real harm in school, media, online, or relationships today? Why is it comforting to know God confronts real evil?

YOUR REFLECTION:

2. Zākar (זָכַר) “Remember / Express Faithful Action” (Genesis 8:1; 9:15)	Definition & Meaning: Zākar means to remember, recall, or act faithfully on behalf of someone. In Genesis 8:1, 'God remembered Noah and the animals'—not because He had forgotten them, but because He was now taking decisive action to preserve them. Student Insight: Divine remembrance is faithful, covenantal action. When you feel forgotten during long seasons of waiting, God's 'remembering' guarantees His active care and enduring commitment.

Quick Check — Zākar: What is one area of your life where waiting has felt long or uncertain? How does knowing that 'God remembers His people' give you strength to remain obedient?

YOUR REFLECTION:

3. Bĕrît (בְּרִית) “Covenant / Sovereign Commitment” (Genesis 6:18; 9:8–17)	Definition & Meaning: Bĕrît is a solemn, legally binding covenant pledge. The Noahic covenant is a universal, unconditional pledge to humanity, animals, and the earth that God will never again destroy the earth with a flood. Student Insight: Bĕrît guarantees that creation's history will continue so God's redemptive plan can unfold. It is marked by the bow in the clouds, reminding us that God preserves the world until final renewal.

Quick Check — Bĕrît: How does God's covenant commitment to preserve creation inspire gratitude in your daily life (e.g., meals, changing seasons, sunrise, caring for nature)?

YOUR REFLECTION:

4. Core Lesson Breakdown

1. God Confronts the Evil Corrupting His Good World

- The Diagnosis Reaches Inward and Outward: Genesis 6:5 describes evil in human inclinations ('every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time'), while 6:11–13 describes the earth as corrupt and filled with violence (ḥamās). Sin affects both our inner thoughts and public social relationships.
- God is Deeply Grieved: Genesis 6:6 reveals that human rebellion causes divine sorrow ('he was deeply grieved'). God is not an indifferent tyrant; He cares deeply about the damage sin inflicts on His creation.
- Grace Appears Before Judgment: Genesis 6:8 introduces hope: 'Noah, however, found favor with the LORD.' Even as judgment approaches, God prepares a way forward.

2. God Provides Preservation Through Judgment

- Divine Provision & Human Response: God warns Noah, provides ark specifications, and initiates the covenant. Noah responds in faithful obedience ('By faith Noah... built an ark to deliver his family', Heb 11:7).
- Preservation Beyond One Man: God's rescue plan encompasses Noah's family, living animals, and the physical earth. God cares for all creation.
- The Narrative Turning Point: Genesis 8:1 ('God remembered Noah') marks the turn. Water subsides, wind blows, dry ground emerges, and life is re-commissioned.

3. God Commits Himself to the Continuing Life of Creation

- Unconditional Covenant: In Genesis 8:21–22 and 9:8–17, God pledges never again to destroy the earth with a flood, placing His bow in the clouds as a sign.
- Sustaining Ordinary Life: Seedtime, harvest, cold, heat, summer, winter, day and night are guaranteed as long as the earth endures. Ordinary life is a gift of divine grace.

4. Preserved Humanity Still Needs Redemption

- The Persistent Heart Problem: Genesis 8:21 and 9:20–23 show that Noah gets drunk and Ham dishonors his father. The flood cleanses the earth physically, but the human heart remains sinful.
- Ultimate Rescue in Jesus: 1 Peter 3:18–22 points us to Christ, who suffered once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. External washing or changing circumstances cannot save us; we need the new heart that Christ alone provides (Ezekiel 36:26).

Cultural Myth vs. Kingdom Truth Comparison Matrix

CULTURAL MYTH	KINGDOM TRUTH (GENESIS 6–9 & GOSPEL)
“My private thoughts and motives don't matter as long as I look successful outwardly.”	God's diagnosis reaches both inward heart inclinations and public social conduct (Gen 6:5, 11).
“A fresh environment, new school, or change of scenery will fix all my inner problems.”	Changing surroundings helps, but the human heart still carries sin; we need inward renewal in Christ (Gen 8:21; Ezek 36:26).
“God's patience means He doesn't care about my sin or that judgment isn't real.”	God's patience is an invitation to repentance, not permission to continue in harm (2 Peter 3:9, 15).
“If I am faithful enough, God owes me a life completely free from catastrophe or suffering.”	Noah exercised obedient faith, but believers still live in a groaning world and may suffer for righteousness (Heb 11:7; 1 Pet 3:14).
“Human dignity depends on performance, intelligence, status, or agreement.”	Human dignity is grounded in being created in God's image, requiring protection of all human life (Gen 9:6).

Personal Reality Check 1: Which of the cultural myths above do you find most subtle or tempting in your own life (e.g., assuming a new setting will fix everything, or treating God's patience as permission)?

YOUR PERSONAL EVALUATION:

Personal Reality Check 2: What is one specific situation in your upcoming week where you need to rely on Christ's inward transformation rather than just trying harder or changing your scenery?

YOUR ACTIONABLE STEP:

5. Discussion & Heart Diagnostic Workbook (With Response Spaces)

Icebreaker / Opening Question: Before studying this sermon, how would you have summarized Noah's story in one sentence? How would you summarize it now after seeing the full narrative arc through Genesis 9?

ICEBREAKER RESPONSE:

Text & Observation Questions (Understanding the Sermon's Message)

1. Text Question: According to Genesis 6:5–13, what specific reasons does God give for bringing judgment on the earth? How do inward mental inclinations and outward violence connect?

YOUR ANSWER:

2. Text Question: How do God's divine provision (warning, ark, covenant) and Noah's human response (righteousness, faith, obedience) work together in Genesis 6–7 and Hebrews 11:7?

YOUR ANSWER:

3. Text Question: Why is it crucial to include Genesis 8:21 and Genesis 9:20–29 in the story? What happens if we stop the story at the rainbow and ignore Noah's drunkenness and family fracture?

YOUR ANSWER:

Heart Reflection Questions (Examining Personal Motives, Fears, & Attitudes)

1. Diagnostic — Self-Righteousness vs. Repentance: Where are you tempted to condemn the obvious evil in culture or other people while excusing your own subtle bitterness, deceit, pride, or cruelty?

4-LINE HEART DIAGNOSTIC BOX:

2. Diagnostic — Scenery vs. Heart: When you long for a fresh start (a new grade, new job, new group of friends), what inner attitude or habit do you tend to carry with you that sceneries cannot fix?

4-LINE HEART DIAGNOSTIC BOX:

3. Diagnostic — Presumption vs. Gratitude: How do you view God's daily patience toward you—do you treat it as permission to keep procrastinating obedience, or as an invitation to grateful repentance?

4-LINE HEART DIAGNOSTIC BOX:

Group Application Questions (Living Out Kingdom Culture)

1. Campus & Workplace Application: How can you practice protecting human dignity (Genesis 9:6) in environments where people are mocked, gossiped about, or treated as disposable?

GROUP APPLICATION RESPONSE:

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2. Friendship Application: How can your small group or friend group support each other in taking God's word seriously and acting in patient obedience when waiting feels long?

GROUP APPLICATION RESPONSE:

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6. Weekly Action Challenge & Personal Prayer Journal

Choose 1–2 practical commitments to implement this week. Check the box next to your chosen practice:

☐ **PRACTICE 1: TRUTH & REPENTANCE PRACTICE**

Identify one area where you have been excusing dishonesty, gossip, or bitterness. Confess it honestly to God and take one concrete step to make things right with anyone affected.

☐ **PRACTICE 2: DIGNITY & STEWARDSHIP PRACTICE**

Intentionally treat one person with visible dignity and respect this week—especially someone you are tempted to overlook, dismiss, or disagree with—remembering they bear God's image (Gen 9:6).

☐ **PRACTICE 3: GRATITUDE FOR SUSTAINED LIFE**

Set aside time each day to thank God for ordinary gifts of His sustaining covenant (a meal, clean water, seedtime/harvest, seasonal rhythms) and let that gratitude lead to active care for others.

My Action Plan: The specific commitment I am making this week is _____. The first step I will take on (Day) _____ is _____.

MY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT:

Accountability & Obstacles: Who is one trusted person who can encourage me in this commitment? What obstacle might tempt me to compromise, and how will I respond?

MY ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN:

Guided Prayer & Journaling (Write Your Response to the King)

1. Praise & Adoration: Praise God for His holiness, His righteous judgment against evil, His merciful preservation of creation, and His faithful covenant commitment.

PRAISE & ADORATION JOURNAL:

2. Confession: Confess ways you have blamed your surroundings for inner sin, excused harmful words, or taken God's daily patience for granted.

CONFESSION JOURNAL:

3. Petition for Transformation: Ask Jesus—our risen Savior who suffered for sins to bring us to God—to grant you a clean heart, a clear conscience, and obedient faith.

PETITION & TRANSFORMATION JOURNAL:

Scripture Memory Challenge: 1 Peter 3:18 (CSB)

> **MEMORY PASSAGE — 1 PETER 3:18 (CSB)**
> "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit."

Fill-in-the-Blank Practice:

Fill in the missing words without looking back at the text above:

"For Christ also suffered for _____ once for all, the _____ for the _____, that he might bring you to _____. He was put to _____ in the flesh but made _____ by the Spirit."

Write the Verse From Memory: Write out 1 Peter 3:18 in full from memory below:

WRITE FROM MEMORY:

CLOSING KINGDOM TRUTH & COPYRIGHT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CLOSING TRUTH: "God judges evil and preserves His world, but the human heart still needs His redemption. Turn to the risen Christ in repentant faith, and live the days God gives you in grateful obedience."

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