



Welcome!

SERIES: PLOT TWIST

Today's Message: Somehow I've Survived

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: You always come to the rescue. You never give up on us. We give you praise. Thank you God for your relentless mercy and your amazing grace. Give us the courage to live all our days in gratitude. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever had a dream, a goal, or a vision that no one else seemed to understand? Share it and how you feel about the response of others towards it.

INTRODUCTION: In today's message, we look at the life of Noah who lived in a moment where God decided to reset creation. No one would survive a catastrophic flood, yet Noah did. That's a plot twist. This message focuses on the heart of Noah, rather than the miracle of the storm. It confronts us with three choices we have to make to fulfill God's purpose for our lives: 1) We must be different from the culture, 2) We must be willing to dismiss the voices of doubt in favor of the voice of God, and 3) We must never relinquish the dream God has given us. The evidence of Noah's faith is seen in his trusting God, believing in His Word, and acting in obedience to God's command to build the Ark.

SCRIPTURE: Read Genesis 6

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today?
2. God saved Noah because he walked in close fellowship with God. (Genesis 6:9) What does that mean to you? Can you imagine Noah's patience as he worked for so many decades, to build the ark while other people probably mocked him? Have you had a similar experience? How did it feel?
3. As a person of faith, where do you think your Christian beliefs collide with culture? How do you manage those collisions? Is it more likely that culture or people in your life influence you more as compared to you influencing them? Where does entertainment, work, money, faith, and approval of others fit in? On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being under culture, and 10 being under God, what do you think is a reasonable number to be at? Why?
4. Do you think disobedience to God is an expression of distrust in God? Why or why not? What are some ways you've allowed fear or criticism to keep you from doing what God asks you to do? What dream would you pursue if you were not afraid of criticism?

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5. How can you practice listening for God's voice? Jesus is our ark. He is our salvation. Do you believe this? How does this truth affect you? How should it affect you? How should we encourage one another with this reality?

CHALLENGE: Where do you need to be bold in your faith? Think about it. Pray about it. Act on it.

SERVE: Pray over Genesis 4:1-10 this week. **Praise** God for the opportunity to correct whatever is wrong in our lives while we still have a chance. **Listen:** when you are quiet before God, it is amazing how clear things become. **Respond.** Write it down, live it out, give God praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.



We Care!

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

As a small group leader, we depend on **you** to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472
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FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177
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TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

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