

## Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Tell about a time when God protected you from a poor decision as you were in the waiting room of life.
2. Discuss a time you decided to push through a closed door without waiting on God. What did you learn from that situation?
3. What decisions do you need to make this week that your group can pray for?

## Habits: The Habit of Good Decision Making

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“Then God said to Noah, ‘Leave the boat, all of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. Release all the animals—the birds, the livestock, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—so they can be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth.’ So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD...”

Genesis 8:15-20 (NLT)

### 1. WALK WITH GOD

“This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”

Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

### 2. WORK THROUGH IT

“After another forty days, Noah opened the window he had made in the boat.”

Genesis 8:6 (NLT)

Look for ...

- The window of spiritual growth

“... (Noah) released a raven. The bird flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up. He also released a dove to see if the water had receded and it could find dry ground. But the dove could find no place to land because the water still covered

the ground. So it returned to the boat, and Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back inside.”  
Genesis 8:7-9 (NLT)

- The window of peace in the struggle

“After waiting another seven days, Noah released the dove again. This time the dove returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak....”  
Genesis 8:10-11a (NLT)

- The window of hope on the horizon

“... Then Noah knew that the flood waters were almost gone. He waited another seven days and then released the dove again. This time it did not come back.”  
Genesis 8:11b-12 (NLT)

### 3. WAIT FOR GOD’S TIMING

“And on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountain of Ararat.”  
Genesis 8:4 (NIV)

“But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!”  
Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

“But God remembered Noah....”  
Genesis 8:1a (NIV)

“... What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open.”  
Revelation 3:7c (NIV)

### 4. WALK THROUGH GOD’S OPEN DOOR

“So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.”  
Genesis 8:18 (NIV)

“Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”  
Joel 3:14 (NLT/NIV)