

Community



The 'But' of God

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On Sunday we talked about Noah's Ark. We literally talked about the ark more than Noah. As I read the story during the week and thought about Noah and the Ark a thought kept running through my mind. "Why did Noah get it right? How did he know what was right, when everyone else was just living like there was no God at all?" The Bible describes it this way: The Lord saw that the human beings on the earth were very wicked and that everything they thought about was evil. He was sorry he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, "I will destroy all human beings that I made on the earth. And I will destroy every animal and everything that crawls on the earth and the birds of the air, because I am sorry I have made them." But Noah pleased the Lord.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NCV)

There it is in verse 8. It was a simple phrase that saved his family and all of us from a flood. The words don't jump out at you unless you are looking for some hope in a dark, dark time. "But Noah pleased the

Lord." It is amazing that Noah figured it out when no one else had a clue. His faith sets him apart from an entire world of other people. It is another part of scripture where we don't get clues. I want to know: what did he do differently, why did he stand out to God? Then another question jumps into my head.

If God were to write a story of my life when would the moment be that God would say "But Toby"? Do I live in such a way that God sees a difference between me and the people around me? Would God trust with that an assignment as big as Noah's? How do I have to live to be chosen for a "but" moment where God calls me into his plan? I'm not exactly sure what Noah knew or did that caught God's eye. All I know is that it had to do with his choices; our lives are made and destroyed by them. Each day is a chance to increase God's trust in us. Next time you face a decision, remember there may be a lot more riding on it than just the immediate moment. Just remember God is looking for someone to make a difference in the world. Can we live up to Noah's example?



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Felt Plains United Methodist Church
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Grand River Community Church
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