

Title: Outside the Box

Text: Genesis 6-8

Target: Noah's Ark is not just a story of a boat that floats, but a hope that boasts.

Teaching Points:

1. **GRACE WAS AFFORDED:** "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8)
 - A. **God Willed:** "and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands" (Genesis 5:29)
 - B. **Noah Walked:** "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9)

2. **PLAN WAS PROVIDED:** "Make yourself an ark" (Genesis 6:14)
 - A. **The Dimensions:** Genesis 6:14-16: (450 Long × 75 wide × 45 Tall)
 - B. **The Disillusionment:** (Luke 17:27, 1 Peter 3:20)
 - C. **The Determination:** "a herald of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5)

3. **FAITH WAS SUPPORTED:** "for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation" (Genesis 7:1)
 - A. **Complete Obedience:** "he did all that God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22, 7:5)
 - B. **Incomplete Evidence:** "being warned by God concerning events (Never Rained/No Floods) as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household" (Hebrews 11:7)

4. **COVENANT WAS RECORDED:** "But I will establish my covenant with you" (Genesis 6:18)
 - A. **Five Promises Recorded through the Bible:**
 - **Noahic Covenant:** Promise to never to flood the earth again. I.E. The Rainbow (Genesis 9:11-17)
 - **Abrahamic Covenant:** Promise the nations will be blessed. (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - **Mosaic Covenant:** Promise of the Law of God. (Exodus 19-24)
 - **Davidic Covenant:** Promise of an Eternal King. (2 Samuel 7)
 - **New Covenant:** Promise of the Holy Spirit. (2 Samuel 7)

 - B. **Five Pictures Revealed through the Boat:**
 - **The Door:** "the Lord shut him in" (Genesis 7:16)
 - **The Detail:** "cover it inside and out with pitch" (Genesis 6:14)

- **The Dove:** *“the dove came back to him...freshly plucked olive leaf”* (Genesis 8:11)
- **The Date:** *“and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat”* (Genesis 8:4)
- **The Decision:** *“For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man”* (Matthew 24:37)

Take Away: It is not if you are close to the boat, it is whether you are in the boat (Matthew 24:37-39)