



THE CROSSING

TITLE - THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

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The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart . . . But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

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. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both of them and the earth. So make yourself an ark . . . You are to bring into the ark two living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you." . . . Noah did everything just as God commanded him . . . Then the LORD shut him in.

Genesis 6:5-9, 12-14, 19, 22; 7:16

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

Genesis 8:1

I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13

It is said of God that no one can behold His face and live. I always thought this meant that no one could see his splendor and live. A friend said perhaps it meant that no one could see His sorrow and live. Or perhaps His sorrow is His splendor.

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GOD IS INVOLVED IN YOUR STORY

Growing up, what did you hear about the Noah story?

What is the main point that you need to focus on?

What does Noah teach you about your personal relationship with God?

How do you see the presence of evil in our world today?

Why is God's justice important?

How does God's rescue change the way you see your circumstances?

What steps can you take this week to remember that God has not forgotten you?