

## God's Gracious Call: A 5-Day Devotional from Genesis 7:1–5

### Day 1: God's Gracious Call

**Read:** Genesis 7:1; John 6:44; Revelation 22:17; Isaiah 55:1

#### **Devotional:**

Some words change your life forever—“Will you marry me?” “You got the job!” But the most life-changing word you’ll ever hear from God is this: “Come.”

Genesis 7 opens with a personal and powerful call from the Lord to Noah: “Go into the ark.” In Hebrew, the word can mean either “Go” or “Come,” emphasizing not just movement, but relationship and presence. God is not simply commanding Noah to flee judgment—He is inviting him into safety, into communion.

This divine initiative is where salvation always begins. Noah doesn’t devise a plan or beg for mercy. Before Noah takes the first step, God speaks. He calls Noah by name and invites him into the ark—a place of grace and refuge.

That same call echoes through Scripture. God says, “Come, all you who are thirsty” (Isa. 55:1), “Come to Me... and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28), and finally, “Let the one who is thirsty come... take the water of life without price” (Rev. 22:17). From Genesis to Revelation, God is always the one who calls.

Today, we don’t enter a wooden ark—we enter the greater Ark, Jesus Christ. He is our refuge from judgment and the only door to eternal life (John 10:9). His invitation remains: “Come to Me.”

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- Have you personally responded to God’s call to “Come”?
- In what ways are you tempted to think salvation starts with your own efforts?
- How does God's gracious initiative encourage your faith?

#### **Application:**

Take time today to reflect on how God first called you to Himself. Write down your testimony and consider sharing it with someone this week who may need to hear that same invitation from Jesus: “Come.”

#### **Prayer:**

Father, thank You for taking the initiative to call sinners like me. I know I could never come to You on my own. Thank You for sending Christ, my refuge and salvation. Help me to rest in Your grace and extend Your invitation to others.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## **Day 2: Faith Begins at Home**

**Read:** Genesis 7:1; Acts 16:31; Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Ephesians 6:4

### **Devotional:**

When God called Noah into the ark, He didn't just speak to Noah. He said, "Go into the ark, you and all your household." This detail might be easy to miss, but it speaks volumes about how God often works—not just with individuals, but through families.

Noah's faith didn't guarantee the salvation of his wife, sons, or their wives. Salvation is always personal. And yet, God called the whole household into the ark because of Noah's righteousness (Heb. 11:7). His obedience created a context where his family could experience God's grace.

The pattern repeats throughout Scripture. Abraham was promised that his descendants would be blessed. The Philippian jailer was told, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household" (Acts 16:31). The New Covenant does not teach automatic salvation by family association, but it does show us that the home is an ordinary means of grace.

In a world that pulls families in every direction, parents are called to be the primary disciplers in the home (Deut. 6:6–7; Eph. 6:4). Children learn theology by watching it lived out. They learn to love God through daily rhythms of repentance, worship, and grace modeled in the home.

Like Noah, your faithful obedience won't save your children—but it creates a gospel-saturated environment that points them toward the Ark, who is Christ.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- How are you actively discipling your family in the gospel?
- What rhythms of grace can you cultivate in your home this week?
- Where do you need to trust God more with your children's salvation?

### **Application:**

Set aside time today to pray with your spouse or children. Begin (or recommit to) a simple rhythm of family worship—reading a short passage of Scripture, praying together, and talking about how the gospel applies to everyday life.

### **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for the grace You extend to our homes. Help me be faithful in leading my family toward You. Strengthen my trust in Your mercy, and use my life to point the next generation to Jesus, our true Ark.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Day 3: Saved to Worship

**Read:** Genesis 7:2–3; Genesis 8:20–21; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:9

#### Devotional:

It may seem like a small detail, but Genesis 7:2–3 reveals something profound: God told Noah to bring extra pairs of clean animals onto the ark. Why? Not just for survival—but for **worship**.

After the flood, Noah built an altar and offered burnt sacrifices to the Lord (Gen. 8:20). God provided the means of worship before the judgment even began. That's grace. Worship wasn't an afterthought; it was the goal.

This tells us something about the nature of salvation. We're not just saved **from** judgment—we're saved **for** worship. The chief end of man, as the catechisms remind us, is "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

From the beginning of redemptive history, worship is central. God desires a people who will glorify Him, not just in ceremony, but in spirit and truth. In fact, 1 Peter 2:9 says that those who've been called out of darkness are meant to "proclaim the excellencies" of God.

And worship doesn't just happen on Sundays. Romans 12:1 calls us to present our whole lives as living sacrifices—this is our spiritual worship. In other words, worship is a lifestyle rooted in God's mercy.

The ark wasn't just about survival. It was a place that carried God's people to a life of renewed worship. The same is true for us in Christ.

#### Reflection Questions:

- Is worship a priority in your life, or just a Sunday event?
- How can you offer your daily life to God as an act of worship?
- What does it mean to see salvation as an invitation to glorify God?

#### Application:

Today, take a few minutes to offer your daily tasks—whether at home, school, or work—as an act of worship. Say aloud: "Lord, I do this for Your glory." Begin to connect ordinary moments to your eternal purpose.

#### Prayer:

Father, thank You for saving me not just from judgment but for Yourself. Teach me to live a life of worship—to glorify You with my words, thoughts, and actions. Let everything I do reflect the mercy You've shown me in Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 4: God Is Patient in Judgment**

**Read:** Genesis 7:4; Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 24:37–39

### **Devotional:**

God told Noah, “In seven days I will send rain on the earth.” That’s a remarkable statement. After decades of warning and preparation, judgment was only a week away. But before the flood came, God gave one final window of mercy.

This is a picture of divine patience. Even though humanity’s wickedness had filled the earth, God gave them time to repent. That same patience echoes throughout Scripture. Romans 2:4 says that God’s kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. And 2 Peter 3:9 tells us that He is “not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

God’s patience is not apathy. It is mercy. But it is not endless. The rain did come. Judgment did fall. And many were lost because they presumed on God’s patience rather than responding in faith.

Jesus compared the days of Noah to the time of His return (Matt. 24:37–39). People will be eating, drinking, marrying—going about their lives—right up to the day when judgment comes again. That’s why now is the time to respond.

God’s mercy should never make us lazy. It should awaken us to urgency. If you’ve been putting off obedience, repentance, or evangelism, don’t wait. The ark door will not stay open forever.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- Have you mistaken God’s patience for permission to delay obedience?
- Where is God calling you to repent or respond before the “rain” comes?
- Who in your life needs to hear the gospel while there is still time?

### **Application:**

Take action today. Confess any sin you’ve been postponing. Call someone who needs to hear the gospel. Ask the Lord to give you urgency—not from fear, but from compassion and conviction.

### **Prayer:**

Father, thank You for Your patience with me. I confess that I often delay obedience and take Your mercy for granted. Stir my heart to repentance and give me a sense of urgency to follow You and share Christ with others.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Day 5: Obedience Is the Fruit of Faith

**Read:** Genesis 7:5; Hebrews 11:7; James 2:22; John 14:15

### Devotional:

Genesis 7:5 says, “And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.” It’s a simple statement, but it holds a profound truth: true faith leads to real obedience.

Noah didn’t partially obey. He didn’t delay until the rain started falling. He built the ark, gathered the animals, prepared his family—and he did it all before a single drop of rain touched the ground. That is faith in action.

Hebrews 11:7 tells us that Noah built the ark “by faith,” and in doing so “condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” His obedience didn’t earn salvation—it *proved* that he believed God.

The same is true for us. We’re saved by grace through faith, not by works (Eph. 2:8–9). But saving faith never stands alone. James 2:22 says faith is “completed” by works. Jesus put it even more simply: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

This doesn’t mean our obedience will be perfect. But it should be **genuine** and **growing**. Faith that trusts God will act on His Word—even when the skies are still clear.

Noah obeyed while waiting, and so must we. The obedience God desires is not always dramatic. Often, it looks like daily faithfulness: praying with your kids, telling the truth, repenting quickly, honoring your spouse.

Obedience is how we walk with God in a world moving away from Him.

### Reflection Questions:

- Is your faith producing obedience, or just good intentions?
- What’s one area of delayed obedience you need to surrender today?
- How does Noah’s example challenge you to trust and obey—even when it doesn’t make sense?

### Application:

Choose one small, concrete step of obedience today—whether it’s seeking reconciliation, committing to Scripture reading, or sharing Christ with someone. Don’t wait for the rain. Obey now.

### Prayer:

Lord, I want to trust You like Noah did. Strengthen my faith and shape my heart so that I obey You—not to earn anything, but because You have already saved me. Help me to walk faithfully, one step at a time.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.