



YOU CAN BEGIN AGAIN

Part One: "Noah's New Beginning"

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"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8 (NIV)

"Because Noah had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed and built a boat that saved him and his family. In this way the people of the world were judged, and Noah was given the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God."

Hebrews 11:7 (CEV)

► **Our _____ releases grace and favor so we can _____ again.**

NOAH BEGAN AGAIN BY _____

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:37-39 (NIV)

FOUR _____ RELEASED BY NOAH'S _____

1. Faith releases a new _____

In Genesis 8:20-21, Noah's first act was to offer _____ to the Lord.

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."

Hebrews 13:15 (NASB)

2. Faith releases a new _____

In Genesis 8:22, _____ and harvest are set into motion.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Noah (Cont'd)

3. Faith releases new sense of _____

In Genesis 9:1, God commands Noah's family to be _____.

"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

4. Faith releases a new _____

In Genesis 9:11-17, God makes a _____ and gives a rainbow.

"... Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new." 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (CEV)

"You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate..."

Isaiah 58:9 (MSG)

FATHER GOD, I thank you for this time of new beginnings. I ask you to increase my faith and fill me with grace and favor. With your help, I am determined to begin again and not give up. Make me a Noah and use me to save others in this fallen world. In Jesus Name, AMEN!

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share one of your favorite new blessings in life.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: How does faith help us begin again?

Prayer Focus: Pray for everyone to enter into the new season ahead.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)