

**About the Series:** The first 11 chapters of Genesis are foundational to the Christian worldview. But when we read accounts that have similarities to myths and works of fiction, it makes one wonder if the Genesis account is really true or not. This series looks into these chapters to see what the Bible actually says and teaches, and explores the relevancy of its message for us today.

# Part 7

# **Unwavering Faith**

Genesis 7:1-24 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Watch►

### DISCUSS

Oftentimes and especially in uncertain times, our faith in God wavers at the first sign of trouble. How do we cultivate an unwavering faith in the Lord to persevere through difficult and uncertain times? Read Genesis 7:1-24.

- 1. Unwavering faith in uncertain times requires preparation and planning (v. 1-5).
  - After completely building the Ark, what did God further instruct Noah to do? What kind of animals and how many pairs of each should he bring with them in the Ark and for what purpose?
  - How did Noah show that what He had was an active faith?
  - In what circumstances have you shown your unwavering faith in the Lord?
  - Can you sleep when the wind of uncertainty blows through your life? If that is so, how did you prepare and plan for it?

- 2. Living by faith in an almighty God is an essential life skill because uncertain times will come at every life stage (v. 6-16).
  - Describe what happened after Noah, his family, and all the animals entered the Ark. How long did the rain last? How did this global flood affect everything?
  - Since uncertainties are a lifelong issue, how should you cultivate an unwavering faith so that you can withstand all the uncertainties that you may go through in your lifetime?
  - Does the peace of God (Philippians 4:6-7), through your unwavering faith in Him, leave a mark on your life in all its stages?
  - How does your belief in God determine your belief in what is recorded in the Bible?
- 3. Faith in God's protection for safe passage through the storms of uncertainty does not mean it is without challenges (v. 17-24).
  - How long did the waters cover everything after the rain stopped? How did God's rightful judgment for the sins and wickedness of mankind affect everyone except for those who were inside the ark?
  - Do you think Noah's time in the Ark was smooth sailing all the time? What made them feel safe and secure?
  - How do you cope when your life is being challenged by difficulties? What gives you strength to make it through the day?
  - How does the fact that you have eternal salvation in Jesus Christ affect your perspective in life in good and bad times?

## REFLECT

If we build our lives on the solid rock of Jesus and His Word, then when the storms come, we will not only survive; we will gain strength. How are you planning, preparing, and developing your life skills so that you will remain strong with unwavering faith when uncertain times come no matter your life stage? If God's protection for safe passage through the storms of uncertainties does not mean life is without challenges and difficulties, what then are the benefits of it?

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#### PRAY

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that with daily life challenges, problems, and difficulties, my faith in You to be tested. But thank You that I can learn to grow and cultivate my faith so that I will not easily waver in my trust in You. Help me, Lord, to focus on You and my eternal salvation through Jesus Christ during uncertain times. Thank You, Father, that You are there to protect me and provide for safe passage as I go through life's challenges. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.