



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: bible

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Learn to trust God's Word and will.



How to Survive a Flood

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scripture

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Matthew 7:24–27

discover

In Kids Church we used to sing, “The rain came down and the floods came up. The rain came down and the floods came up but the house on the rock stood firm!” And we all ended by slamming our fist into our palm.

It's a fun song but is founded on truth! When you build your house (your identity, your faith, your future, etc.) on God, you will stand firm! It took Peter stepping out of the boat to learn he could trust Jesus when He called. It took Jonah giving up control and obeying God to realize he could trust God even in difficult situations. It took Miriam watching her baby brother, Moses, float down the river to see that she could trust God to protect and provide. It took Noah building the ark in faith to trust His Word and trust His will.

And what do all these examples have in common? God's will prevailed and they each stood firm going forward! If you've ever seen the devastation of a flood you know you don't have any control over the waters. But those who follow the safety instructions and trust their rescuers instead of taking it into their own hands end up on firm ground again. In the same way, when we trust in God and lean on Him, we stand firm no matter what comes our way!

develop

This passage we read is a parable being shared from Jesus Himself. Do you know what a parable is? A parable is a story used to illustrate a lesson. Jesus knew His audience and knew they'd understand a building structure. The rock represents God's Word! A house (your identity, your faith, your future, etc.) built on God's Word will stand FIRM! In Isaiah, the prophet declares that the Word of God will not wither like grass or fade like flowers, but instead will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8)! It can be trusted because it has stood the test of time, and each prophetic word has come and will come to pass! It is steady, sure, and everlasting. Put one hand into a fist and take it and smash into the other hand open palm. Remember this—no matter what comes at you and your team this season, by getting into God's Word, you can stand firm! You can survive a flood!

deploy

Talk with your team about possible “floods” that may hit you this season and what Scriptures you can recite and remember to keep you firm in Christ. How can you take one of the stories above (Peter, Jonah, Moses, Noah) or another Bible story and deploy this message this year in Fine Arts, at your school, in your church, or at home? Take some time this week to dive into these Bible stories and learn something new since the last time you read it.

prayer

Pray in a group that God would safeguard you all this year against anything the devil might try to throw at you. Ask God to keep you on His firm foundation as you discover, develop, and deploy these gifts. Pray that He would help you survive any flood as you dive into His Word and trust His will for you.