
GOOD NEWS FOR IMPERFECT PARENTS

(Hebrews 11:7)

Parental failure is unavoidable because all parents are imperfect sinners who parent fellow sinners. In fact, the stories of families in the Bible are uncensored and clear reminders of the failures, flaws, sinfulness and imperfections of human parents. **Though parents are imperfect, God remains faithful in blessing them with His grace, His Word and His gospel.** Reflecting on the life of Noah, let's consider three biblical encouragements to imperfect parents.

1. The _____ is your greatest blessing from the Lord.

Noah is remembered in the Scriptures as a father committed to his faith in the Lord (Hebrews 11:7). As an Old Testament believer, Noah was saved by the grace of God through faith in the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus (Genesis 6:5-9; 2 Timothy 1: 9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9). Though all of us, like Noah, are imperfect sinners, God is so merciful and faithful in blessing us with His saving grace in Christ.

2. The _____ is the unfailing foundation of your faith.

When God instructed Noah to build the ark despite of the seeming irrationality of such command, Noah obeyed God without hesitation (Genesis 6:11-18; Hebrews 11:7). His obedient faith is founded upon the conviction that God's Word revealed to him was totally true, supremely authoritative and completely reliable (Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 3:5; Mark 7:7-9; Joshua 21:45; Isaiah 55:11). If you want your family and children to be truly blessed by the Lord, you must anchor your convictions upon the unfailing foundation of God's Word (Psalm 1:1-3).

3. The _____ is your powerful motivation for gospel proclamation.

Noah must have been trembling in fear when God spoke to him about His coming judgment upon the whole human race through a worldwide flood (Hebrews 11:7). Noah's fear of the Lord led him to see and understand the holiness of God, the justice of God and the patience of God (Genesis 6:3; 2 Peter 3:9). Noah's holy fear of God also motivated him to faithfully proclaim the gospel of the Lord's righteousness amidst the scorn, ridicule, persecution and indifference of the people of his generation (2 Peter 2:5; Matthew 24:38-39). The greatest good every parent can do for their children is to invest in the spiritual welfare of their child's eternal soul (Mark 8:34-35). God gives you children not merely to enjoy caring for them and loving them here on earth. God gives you children to fulfill your divine calling to proclaim the gospel of Christ to them and by God's grace, raise them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.
