

Big Picture Faithfulness

Read: Genesis 9:1-21, Isaiah 54:9-10, Hebrews 11:7

This week in Sunday School, the kids are learning about God's established covenant with Noah. If you've never read it, the book *Kisses from Katie* tells the radical story of an eighteen year old girl who went to Uganda on a short term mission trip only to find herself quickly returning to adopt thirteen Ugandan children and start a ministry, Amazima. Katie's story, like many others, is a testimony of following God's calling without knowing the bigger picture.

Stories like this remind us that we will not always see or understand what God is doing, but we are called to be faithful in the day-to-day.

God asked Noah to prepare for a flood. He did not give Noah a time frame for when this flood would come, how long it would last, or what to do once the rain stopped. God gave Noah the blueprint and told him to get to work, and that's exactly what Noah did.

Noah received very few details, but through establishing His covenant God reveals that He is both a just judge and a merciful redeemer. Once again, God stepped down and initiated the relationship. Instead of details, God gave Noah himself.

Through His covenant, God commits to preserve His people and will ultimately do so through Jesus. Noah had no clue how God would accomplish this preservation, but He knew God could be trusted. It was all a part of God's bigger plan of redemption.

Your day-to-day faithfulness is a part of God's bigger plan. Putting in another day at the office, changing the 100th diaper of the day, and studying for what feels like forever, all have a purpose. It's not our job to know how it all fits together, but it is our job to trust in God's character. We can trust that He is sovereign and good. We can trust He knows what we need. We can trust He has a plan.