

# S.A.F.E. Homes



**Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere**



***“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”***

***1 Thessalonians 4:18***

## **Comfort in Chaos**

Recent events in the world have brought chaos not before seen by this generation. Riots, shortages, masks and lockdowns are at the top of the news. School cancellations are an everyday occurrence. Many people are saying, “I’ll be glad when things get back to normal.”

Too often we are guilty of being isolated in our own comfortable cocoons while there are millions in our world who have never experienced an easy life. A shortage of food is common. Villages suffer from a lack of clean water. Government overthrows or tribal rivalries keep inhabitants living in fear. Religious repression is real and those who choose to stand for Jesus may pay with their lives.

None of these things are unique to this day and time, though. Why did God bring a flood on the earth in Noah’s day? “GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,” (Genesis 6:5). In spite of this God didn’t forget His people. “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD,” (verse 8).

Even in New Testament times the church faced persecution and suffering. In addition, the Apostle Paul warned, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,” (2 Timothy 3:1). It truly appears that we are living in those times, but God’s Word doesn’t leave us without hope. “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren... even as others which have no hope,” (1 Thessalonians 4:13). “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words,” (verses 16-18).

Yes, these are uncertain times, and although it is impossible not to look around at all the trouble in the world, as God’s children, we definitely need to look up for our redemption is drawing nigh!

**Family Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, I am so thankful that You have promised You would never leave me alone. Help me to keep my eyes on you instead of the trouble in the world. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

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As a family, build a “care package” from supplies you may already have in your home. Most of us have more than we actually need. Empty the pantry of can goods that are sitting unused and donate to a food pantry. Gather surplus items and take them to a donation center. Perhaps you have an extra blanket or throw you could give to a shelter.

### Let's talk

Do you find yourself worried about the things going on in the world? If you were sitting down for a conversation with Jesus what do you think He would say? Is His Word comforting to you?

Look for opportunities this week to give a comforting word to someone who seems stressed about the world's conditions. Point them to God's promises for those who trust Him and are filled with His Spirit!



## Additional Challenges

When the Apostle Paul wrote his second epistle to Timothy, he got very detailed about the condition of the world before the return of Jesus. Complete the list and put a check mark if you see these things happening in our world today.

### 2 Timothy 3:2-5

- For men shall be...
  1. Lovers of their own selves (self-focused) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Covetous (greedy) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Boasters \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Proud (arrogant) \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Blasphemers (against God) \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Disobedient to parents \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Unthankful (Not grateful) \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Unholy \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Without natural affection \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Trucebreakers (Won't keep their word) \_\_\_\_\_
  11. False accusers (Gossipers) \_\_\_\_\_
  12. Incontinent (No self-control) \_\_\_\_\_
  13. Fierce (Brutal) \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Despisers of those that are good (Haters) \_\_\_\_\_
  15. Traitors (Not loyal) \_\_\_\_\_
  16. Heady (Reckless) \_\_\_\_\_
  17. Highminded (Conceited) \_\_\_\_\_
  18. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God \_\_\_\_\_
  19. Having a form of godliness but denying the power \_\_\_\_\_

Sound familiar? But Paul gave Timothy some encouraging words in spite of all this. Let these words be your guide as well.

### 2 Timothy 3:14-15

"But \_\_\_\_\_ thou in the things which thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ and hast been \_\_\_\_\_ of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a \_\_\_\_\_ thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make thee \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

***Our hope is in Jesus!***

# Puzzle Page

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COMFORTABLE  
FLOOD  
MAN  
PERILOUS  
WORD

DRAWING  
GRACE  
NIGH  
REDEMPTION  
WORLD

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**When the person solving the puzzle finds all the words, the hidden message will be revealed in the unused letters.**

