

## **A Drop in the Bucket...**

**A recap on the homecoming service at Mt Horeb Baptsit Church that morning.**

**I shared with our Briggs Chapel family about my morning ride, the joys of being with our first church and some of the ministries that were started there. The globe, the shovel and the grandmother who thought "they picking up my grandkids that I can bring..."**

**The story of redemption is God sending servants — His messengers — to feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of those who trusted the messengers and the message and ministry He sent. Prefigures of a coming Christ, like Noah, Joseph, Moses — they were sent before them to keep them alive. We are proclaimers not prefigures — witnesses that have been sent to testify that He came to feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of His sheep. We bear witness to our Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd and Chief Shepherd.**

**Who, as our good shepherd, came for His sheep, who, as our great shepherd, is committed to His sheep and who, as our chief, shepherd is coming for His sheep. For what? To feed, lead and meet our every need.**

**Next time some mentions they were born to do this or that... go ahead and acknowledge, appreciate and affirm their God given abilities or insight and then ask them what they've been reborn to do.**

**Their natural abilities are obvious... they were born to do it – but what have they been reborn for?**

**Ask them if they want to take what they've born to do to another level... tell them what you've been reborn to do...**

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**Our communities need missionaries on mission with and for Jesus.**

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None of this started with us and it must not stop with us...

Think with me on how God's order works: it takes a man and wombed woman to have a child. No way around it. The blessings and command has been the same from the foundation of the world. So how many people would it take for you to be sitting where you are today. Let's go 12 generations back, with 30 years between each generation — that would be some 430 years back or we can take a number like 1590. It would have taken 4096 people (2,048 couples) for you to be here today.

If we go back 40 generations back, to year 750 — 1272 years ago it would take over 1 trillion people for you to be where you are today.

The point — it took a lot for you to be where are and our work didn't start with us... It can't stop with us.

A little except from the message:

"I told you I had Miss Alma Lee Davidson's Bible. They sent it home with me, I didn't want to bring it home, just because that's a treasure for them. But they insisted I bring it home. Well, I went through it over this last week. And I went through every page, looking just one page at a time, one page at a time, through the entire Bible that she had, and took pictures of every page that she had brother Nick Holden on there with a date, and a time for the preaching service. Like some of you do. And it wasn't just me. I mean, she had anybody and everybody over the many years that she had written in there. But I counted over 650 pages. 65% of her Bible had my name written on it, in the Older and New Testament. 65% of her Bible, some pages, had my name written 18 different times. Romans and Philippians, and things like that. But that bless me, because like I told them, and like we talked about here, when I went there, I wanted to bring Jesus, I wanted to bring His gospel, and I wanted to expose them to the Word of God. And that was my objective. And as I was going over and looking at that, I just couldn't help but thank the Lord that God allowed us to do what we do, because I do with you what I did with them as far as how we do the nesting with Jesus from book to book. It's amazing home, how much of the truth you cover, just one chapter a day, when you consistently stay with it, and then consistently get in it and consistently share it with others. But the story of redemption is God sending His servants. I want you to remember this because I'm a servant, you are servants, we are servants. The story of redemption is God's sent in His servants His messengers, to feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of those who trusted the messengers and the message that He sent. Look in Genesis six. In verse number 19. I'll start in verse number 18. God had told him to prepare an ark and what was the difference? What's the difference between an ark and a boat or an ark and a

ship? There's three differences between an ark and every other vessel that floats the seas. One, an ark doesn't have a power source like a sail. An ark doesn't have something to direct it like a rudder, and an ark doesn't have something to hold it steady like anchors. And that's what separates an ark from a boat. Boats have a power source like a sailboat or in our modern day, they can use something else that propels them through the water, and a rudder that actually guides the ship, James talks about how it only takes a small little rudder to direct the humongous vessel and an anchor that would anchor that vessel down. And when you really consider the enormous extent of the flood, we've been reading about how God covered the entire world and all the mountains. And then God, as we've been reading, in chapter eight, God blew a mighty wind for the waters to recede. That's how all that you see in this world we live in and these magnificent caverns and and canyons all that happen when God blew those winds on those waters. And those waters rushed out of here and all that sediment buildup and did what it did in the Grand Canyon and other places of the world. And all that went on that happened. Well, there was an ark that was floating in the water and the rains and the torrential storms that had the earth in termal because the fountains in the deep of the heavens opened up and the fountains underneath opened up, you've got volcanoes and you got earthquakes and you got so much unstable time. And he's in an ark, he can't steer it. He can't direct it. And he can't stop it. He was at whose mercy. He was at God's mercy. And that's the message of Jesus when we enter in the life of Jesus, that we take our hands off any kind of control. You can't stop it, you can't steer it. And you can't power it. That's right, we are at His mercy. That's why the scriptures teach us what Jesus said, "If any man wants to come follow Me, he must deny himself, that is, denounce his own rights to govern his life, take up his cross, that is the assignment and the mission that he's given, not that we pick the assignment, he gives us the assignment, and follow after Him. You see, but God has messengers that He sends, to feed, to lead and meet the greatest needs. Verse 18, Chapter Six says this, but I will establish my covenant with you. And you shall go into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons wives with you, how many does that make eight people, right? Verse number 19, God says, And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, that is a pair, two of every sort. There were more creatures that came on the ark that he brought on but they came as pairs, is the idea here, to keep them, what? Alive, to keep them alive with you. They shall be what male and female of the birds after their kind of animals after their kind notice we are not included in the animals there. That's animals, right. And every creeping thing of the earth after it's kind to to have every kind of pair they will come to you. And they will come to you. For you to keep them alive. I mean, think about the divine, sovereign work of God and all that has taken place here. He found Noah found Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And then he gives him the instructions on preparing this rudderless anchorless sailless ark. God says I'm going to draw every creature every living creature and its pair I'm going to bring to you I mean you talking about a divine act of God to bring every living creature of all flesh of birds and creeping things and animals to bring them to the man with the intent for the man to work, keep them alive, to keep them alive to feed them. You see the story of redemption is God has sent

servants, messengers to feed to lead and meet the greatest needs of his people. People like Joseph, remember Joseph, what did God do with Joseph, God started showing Joseph dreams of what was to come. Joseph shares those dreams with his family, his family, mark what he sees and what he's telling them, they'd start to despise him and hate him. But remember, this is all the providential work of God because Joseph had to get from where he was at, because God was sending him before his people pan. He was getting him to Egypt. Now he had a hard road to get there. But remember, he's a messenger. He's a servant. And God sent him into Egypt, to what, feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of his people, because God was going to send a famine on the earth. And he sent Joseph to prepare in advance for God's people. When that famine came upon the earth. God always sends His messengers in advance, to feed, lead and meet the need. Moses is another one..."

**Hypothetically speaking... If you were in Noah's shoes and responded to God, exactly how you've treated and acted in faith upon the great commission of Jesus, would you and what you've been preparing, been ready for the animals and the rains when they came? Just a thought to consider, just a thought... Why is it something I need to consider? Jesus is building something and I don't want to miss out on what He's doing.**

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