

SERMON OUTLINE

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The Flood & New Beginnings

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I. Reasons to Start Over

A. Because Sin Grows

1. Genesis 4:6-7 - Sin's desire is for us – in a battle
2. Genesis 5 - Generations from Adam to Noah (Few righteous)
3. Genesis 6:5-8 - Noah's time - only evil continually - HOW?
 - a. Genesis 6:1-2 - Righteous + Unrighteous (little by little)

B. Because We are Accountable to God

1. Matthew 24:36-39 - Thinking their life didn't matter
2. 2 Peter 3:3-9 - Thinking we have all the time in the world

C. Because Sin Destroys What Is Valuable

1. Genesis 6:5-7 - God was sorry - our sin affects God
2. Genesis 6:12-13 - filled with violence

D. Because Sin Influences Others: Genesis 9:20-25 - Noah, Ham

II. Starting Over: Hebrews 11:7 - Three steps to Starting Over

A. See Reality

1. Heb 11:7 - "things not yet seen" = Reality
2. Heb 11:1 - Faith = a life motivated by what is not seen

B. Surrender to God

1. Heb 11:7 - "in reverence" = "to be cautious" / careful
2. Does GOD'S way matter to me?

C. Re-Schedule

1. Heb 11:7 - "prepared an ark" = "to make ready"
2. Starting over requires some work - re-scheduling

III. The Renewal

A. A Fresh Start: Genesis 9:1 - new life: 1 Peter 3:20-21 - cleansing

B. A New Understanding / Approach

1. Genesis 9:3-6 - no more of this!
2. You know your weaknesses, your temptations, habits
3. Don't be drawn away! Change it!

C. Rest on the Promises of God

1. Genesis 8:20-22 - a promise from God
2. Genesis 9:12-13 - rainbow - His promise
3. Rest on: Heb 13:5b - I will never leave you or forsake you