

## A WEEKLY WORD

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### Readings for the week of Jan. 18/25:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Scripture shows us that God has a plan for our lives. Many people are willing to say “Here I am Lord, send me.”

In Psalm 40:8 we read, *“I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”* Earlier in the same Psalm, we read that verse 4 says, *“Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.”*

I’ve been thinking about this topic this week, and considering Noah’s example of faithfulness to, and trust in the Lord.

We likely all know the story of Noah building an Ark according to the specific instructions from the Lord. Noah was commanded to bring with him, a male and a female from every species of living creatures on the earth. By doing this, he and his family and all those living things would escape a flood that the Lord was about to bring to the earth.

I am always amazed by Genesis 7:10, which tells us, *“And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.”*

Noah’s faith and his trust in God was great enough that he was able to act on God’s instruction to him, before the rain even began. That takes great faith.

There are times in our lives when God will ask something of us that requires the same strength of faith. In 1 Samuel 15:22a, God tells us, “to obey is better than sacrifice”

I’ve asked myself the question this week, “Would I be willing to step out in faith before I see any concrete evidence of God’s plan in how He is leading me? Serving God is the greatest desire of my heart, so the answer to that question has to be ‘yes’. I am thankful that just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at His Baptism (Matthew 3:16), the Holy Spirit also dwells in me. He will enable me to do anything that God asks of me.

Are you able to step out in faith in obedience to God before you visibly see any reason for God’s leading?