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- "These things happened to them as examples and were written down as **warnings** for us." 1 Corinthians 10:11
- For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the **endurance** taught in the Scriptures and the **encouragement** they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:44
- Noah did everything just as God commanded him. Genesis 6:22
- "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4
- "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. (Genesis 6:9)
- ...if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! I Corinthians 10:12
- For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Questions for Reflection, Discussion & Action

- With the trials you face right now, what might it look like for you to let perseverance do its work in you?
- Have you become complacent toward your own sin and let down your spiritual guard? Are you focused more on the sin in your own life or the depravity you see in others?
- Are you looking for hope in the promises or God or some other place?

For Further Reading: Genesis 6-9, 2 Peter 2:4-10, I Peter 3:20-22, Heb. 11:7, Ezk. 14:14

Prayer Prompt:

- Lord, I want the Hope that only You can give.
- Give me perseverance through trials; may the trials bring maturity.
- Help me not be complacent toward my own sin.
- May I walk with you like Noah did.
- I want to find hope in your great and precious promises and not the things of this world.