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The reality is that the flood was the greatest, most catastrophic disaster in history, and a reminder that God is never pleased with sin. The flood also carried a message of hope: God always warns of judgment and has mercy on those who follow Him. Noah, and his family, were spared because Noah found favor in God's eyes and was a righteous man who walked with God.

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Main Passage Genesis 6:5-9:17

Memory Verse *Younger* — Genesis 8:22

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