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Holy
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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Genesis 6:1-8; 9:8-17

We have all read the story of Noah and the ark. In it, we see that even though Noah was a "preacher of righteousness," the people paid no attention to him or to the grace-filled warnings from God. They had become secular in all their indulgences and thoroughly immersed in sin. They had been called to weep, repent, and turn to God, yet rather than responding to God's mercy with joy and gladness, they continued with "business as usual."

In the same way, God calls His followers to take a spiritual inventory along the journey. If we are true followers of Christ, we will repent of our "business as usual" attitude and behaviors. When we sincerely ask God to examine our hearts and heed His correction, we will become more deeply committed to fulfilling His purposes in our lives.

As the prophet Hosea exhorted Israel, "Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you" (Hosea 10:12).

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