

Suburban Birds Part 7
When No One Gets You
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- Failure
- The life of Noah
- The life of Noah teaches us what to do when no one else understands your goal
- When no one gets you

Genesis 6:5-8 (ESV) The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Gen. 6:8 (TLB) But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord

Gen. 6:8 (Msg) But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.

Gen 6:22 (ESV) Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

To Live Your God-Given Dream:

1st) I have to DARE to be DIFFERENT.

Gen. 6:8 (Msg) But Noah was different.

- I dare to be different from the culture
- I'm not going to follow the crowd
- You can't fit in with culture and fit in with God's plan for your life.

Gen. 6:9 (GW) This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God's approval and was a man of integrity among the people of his time.

- If you intend to do anything significant with your life, it's going to be in spite of our culture, not because of it.
- Cultural norms will distract you from God's purpose for your life.

4 Cultural Distractions

- Pleasure
- Possessions
- Popularity
- Profit

- Whatever is number one in your life will be your God

Gen.6:11-12 (NIV) Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

2nd) I TURN MY EAR to God.

Gen. 6:13 (ESV) And God said to Noah,

- I must listen to God not the voices of doubt

Heb. 11:7 (ESV) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.

- How do I hear from God?
- You have to stay close to God

You hear God by getting NEAR to God.

Gen. 6:9b (GW) He walked with God.

Gen 6:9 (NLT) "Noah enjoyed a close relationship with God."

Gen 6:9 (TEV) "Noah lived in fellowship with God."

- If you're walking with God, you'll be out of step with the world

3rd) I Do EXACTLY What God Tells Me.

Gen. 6:22 (ESV) Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

- Noah doesn't just hear God's word, he obeys it

Heb. 11:7 (ERV) But he had faith and respect for God, so he built a large boat to save his family. With his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong. And he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.

- *he did all that God commanded him*
- You're going to be tempted to cut corners.
- You're going to be tempted to do the easy thing
- You cannot take tempting shortcuts and reached the goal God has for your life

4th) I Never GIVE UP on God.

Heb. 11:7 (TLB) Noah was another who trusted God.

- I must never give up on the dream that God gives me
- The reason why most people don't succeed in life is short term thinking
- Culture says live only for today
- God says think about eternity

Everything takes LONGER than I think.

- You may feel like giving up... don't

Gal. 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Hebrews 11:7b (NCV) “. . . By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.”

- Faith in God's grace.

Genesis 6:8 (KJV) “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”