

APRIL DEVOTIONAL: *The Promise In The Rainbow*

Scripture: Genesis 9:12–16

Have you ever noticed how quickly a storm can change the way everything looks?

One minute the sky is bright and peaceful. Then clouds begin to gather, the wind picks up, and before long the rain starts falling. Sometimes the storm passes quickly. Other times, it seems to settle in and stay awhile.

Life can feel that way too.

There are seasons when everything seems calm and predictable. Then suddenly something changes. A disappointment comes. We lose someone we love. We receive unexpected news. Plans fall apart. Worry creeps in. Before we know it, we can find ourselves wondering, “God, where are You in all of this?”

Noah certainly knew something about storms.

He witnessed a flood unlike anything the world had ever experienced. He and his family spent months inside the ark while the world around them was covered with water. Eventually the waters receded, the ground dried, and Noah stepped out of the ark into a new beginning.

Then God gave Noah something very special—a promise.

God said: “I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” —Genesis 9:13 NIV

Imagine what that rainbow must have meant to Noah.

The next time clouds gathered, Noah didn’t have to wonder whether another worldwide flood was coming. God had given him a visible reminder: I have made you a promise. You can trust Me.

Of course, God didn't need the rainbow because He might forget His promise. God is faithful. He does not forget.

Perhaps Noah was the one who needed reminding. And maybe we do too.

Sometimes the circumstances of life can make us forget what we know about God. When the clouds gather, we can become so focused on the storm that we lose sight of His faithfulness.

That's one reason the rainbow is such a beautiful picture.

A rainbow doesn't mean there was never a storm.

In fact, you can't have a rainbow without the rain.

God never promised that following Him would mean a life without difficult days. We will experience disappointment, grief, uncertainty, and seasons we would never have chosen for ourselves.

But the storm does not mean God has abandoned us.

The rainbow reminds us that God is still faithful even when the sky is dark.

We may not understand what He is doing. We may not know how long the rain will last. We may not be able to see what is waiting on the other side.

But we can still trust the One who made the promise.

Think about your own life for a moment.

You've probably lived through some storms you once wondered if you would ever survive. Yet here you are.

Looking back, you may be able to see places where God carried you, provided for you, strengthened you, sent someone to encourage you, or opened a door you couldn't see at the time.

That is the faithfulness of God.

And when another storm comes—and eventually one will—we can remember what God has already done.

The same God who was faithful yesterday will be faithful today and tomorrow.

The same God who carried us through the last storm will walk with us through this one.

He will be with us and provide what we need, just as He has done before.

So the next time you see a rainbow, don't simply admire its colors.

Let it remind you:

God remembers.

God is faithful.

God is with me.

And I can trust His promises—even in the rain.

Closing Prayer: Father, thank You for being faithful in every season of our lives. When circumstances are difficult and we cannot see what You are doing, help us remember Your promises.

Thank You for the times You have carried us through storms in the past. Give us faith to trust You with the storms we face today and whatever may come tomorrow. Help us always remember that Your love never changes and Your promises never fail. Amen.

