



**Personal & Group Study Guide:** October 9, 2022

**Message Series:** FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: *A Vision for The Story's Future*

**Message Title:** A Time to Advance

**Series Intro:** Seldom does a moment in time bear lasting significance for many generations to come, but we are living in such a moment right now. In recent years we have seen seismic shifts in our cultural, political, and religious landscapes that have led us all to wonder what we can do today to secure a better world for our children tomorrow. Will we settle for more of the same? Or will we stand up and see that God has appointed us for such a time as this?

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If The Story is your home church, share one or two specific things that you love about this community.

Watch the video at [thestory.church/vision](http://thestory.church/vision). What excites you about the possibility of this move? What initial concerns or questions do you have? (reminder: all-church Town Hall on Sunday, October 23, 12:15p at the Museum District)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Think of a time when God's timing was different than yours. What happened, and how was your faith affected?

Genesis 6:9-22 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 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. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.**

What made God's command that Noah build a huge boat seem so absurd at the time?

Has God ever called you to do something extraordinary - something that most people around you could not understand? What happened, and how did things turn out?

Why does this city need a church like The Story? What makes this leap of faith that we're taking worth the risk?