

Uncommon | Release Part I

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Genesis 8:1 (NKJV)

1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

Genesis 8:1 (Gen Z)

1 And then God was like, 'Oh yeah, Noah and all the animals in the ark, I got you!' So God caused a cool breeze to blow over the earth, and the flood waters calmed down.

Genesis 8:1 (MSG)

1 Then God turned his attention to Noah and all the wild animals and farm animals with him on the ship.

Scripture: Genesis 8:1 - "But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded."

Introduction: Have you ever felt like you're waiting for your breakthrough and wondering if God has forgotten you? If that's you, good news today: He hasn't! Genesis 8:1 is a declaration of hope after a season of uncertainty. The Bible says, "But God remembered Noah..." And not just Noah! He remembered everything connected to him. But what makes this story remarkable is what God did next. He MADE a wind. God didn't just wait for the waters to go down naturally. He made something to benefit Noah and his future. That's the God we serve! When something is missing, our God is so creative, He can make a solution. Today, we're talking about release and how God orchestrates it in three ways.

Key Point 1: God Hasn't Forgotten You or What's Connected to You

"But God remembered Noah..."

\* Notice, the scripture doesn't just say God remembered Noah. It says He remembered Noah, the wild animals, and the livestock on the ark. That tells me God isn't just concerned about you; He's concerned about everything connected to you. Your family. Your dreams. Your legacy. He doesn't forget anything!

\* For Noah, it had been months of rain and silence. Can you imagine the mental weight of wondering if things would ever change? Yet, the text reminds us that God's memory is tied to His faithfulness. To "remember" in the Bible means He's about to act.

\* I don't know who needs to hear this, but God hasn't forgotten your situation. He hasn't overlooked you, the vision He gave you, or the people that rely on you. He sees it all. And when He says it's time, He will respond in ways that make it crystal clear that He's been working the whole time.

Application:

When you feel forgotten, remind yourself of this truth. God's silence is not His absence. His timing is perfect, and your release is on His calendar. Trust that He remembers not just you but everything He's ordained to come through you.

## Key Point 2: The Last Season Was About Removal to Prepare for Release

"He sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded."

\* Before Noah could step into a new beginning, the old had to be removed. The flood wasn't just judgment; it was preparation. God had to cleanse the earth so Noah could walk into a fresh start.

\* Some of us are lamenting what we lost in the last season. That relationship. That job. That plan. But what if God allowed the storm to remove things that couldn't carry the weight of your future? The flood wasn't a punishment; it was strategic.

\* Look at the ark. What Noah was floating on during the storm became the foundation for his future. The things God left in your life after the storm are what He intends for you to build with in this next chapter.

### Application:

Stop crying over what was removed. Start thanking God for what survived. This isn't a season for mourning; it's a season for trusting that He removed the unnecessary so you could multiply what truly matters.

## Key Point 3: God Made the Wind – He Creates What You Need

"He sent a wind over the earth..."

\* This part excites me! God didn't wait for the waters to go down on their own. He MADE a wind. That means God is a Creator. If what you need doesn't exist, He can create it. If there isn't a way, He can make a way. If it doesn't look like things are moving, God can send a wind to shift the atmosphere.

\* The wind is significant. It wasn't random. The wind had a purpose—to recede the waters and make room for Noah's future. It wasn't just about letting the ark move; it was about preparing the entire earth for Noah to thrive.

\* Romans 8:28 reminds us that all things work together for good. Even when it feels like nothing's happening, God is orchestrating every detail. The same God who made the wind for Noah is the same God making things work for you right now.

### Application:

What is the "wind" you need God to create in your life? Maybe it's favor, an opportunity, or an open door. Trust Him. God doesn't need anything already in place to bless you. If it's missing, He can make it from scratch for His glory and your good.

Closing: Listen, the flood wasn't the end for Noah, and the storm isn't the end for you. God remembers you, He's removing what wasn't meant for your next season, and He's creating the conditions for your release.

Just as He sent a wind to recede the waters for Noah, He's sending a wind into your life. It's going to move what needs to move, clear what needs to clear, and prepare you for the fruitfulness and multiplication He promised.

Your release is on the way. Don't rush it. Don't doubt it. Just know that God's faithfulness is working behind the scenes, and when it's time, everything attached to you will step into a new season of flourishing. Keep waiting. Keep trusting. God remembers you.

"Release?" Oh, it's coming. God is creating something just for you. Get ready.