



COVENANT CHURCH

Hall of Faith – Part 2
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Main Idea – Noah is a great example of someone who obeyed God through faith even as the rest of the world ridiculed him. Noah is an inspiration to us today because he knew God's words held greater truth than what was visible before him.

As a Christian, you can be encouraged by the many good examples of believers who came before you

- The Bible is full of stories of early believers whose lives inspire us today. Their lives serve as a type of witness – or example - of what to shoot for in our own lives.
- **Hebrews 12:1-2a – Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (NKJV)**
- God does things for you, not to you. During difficult times, stand on your faith that God is in charge. He has always taken care of you until now; He will continue to always be with you in everything you experience.
- **Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (NKJV)**

Noah is a good example of someone who lived by faith

- In Hebrew, the name Noah means “rest”.
- God knew the person Noah would be true to his name; that he would rest in God's promises. God knew he could trust Noah to have faith in what God promised him. **Hebrews 11:7 – By faith Noah, being *divinely warned* of things *not yet seen*, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is *according to faith*. (NKJV)**
- Noah was able to hear God's divine warning because he was already a man of faith.
- Likewise, today, you must be expecting to hear from God – you must have the faith that He *will* communicate with you – in order to be able to then hear from Him when He does speak to you.
- This is a spiritual phenomenon: to trust in the unseen. **Ephesians 6:12 – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against**

the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (NKJV)

God never changes

- Even though the circumstances of your personal life sometimes seem to change from day to day, nothing is new to God. He is not confused, or perplexed, by anything.
- To have faith means you will lean on God's understanding, not your own reactions to what you see before you.
- Reject sin. Sin will prevent you from standing on your faith and hearing God.
- Those who reason according to the natural world will be misled. **2 Timothy 4: 1-5 – I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have *itching ears*, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (NKJV)**

Don't delay – respond immediately to what God says

- Noah responded immediately to what God told him to do, even though it might not have made sense according to what Noah was seeing in the natural world at that time. **Genesis 6: 22 – Then Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. (NKJV)**
- Repent, and then begin to build your life from your faith; knowing that God will guide you. To repent means to change your mind; to change your outlook. **Matthew 4:17 – From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (NKJV)**
- Salvation through faith in Jesus is just the first step. Desiring to change how you perceive and interact with the world should come next. Build your life on the firm foundation of God's Word. **Matthew 7: 24-27 – “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”**

- Faith is not blind. Rather, faith perceives the measurable, real substance of what cannot be physically seen. **Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (NKJV)**
- Take the next step in your faithwalk. Focus on what is meaningful to God. For example: your family and other Godly relationships, and growth in your relationship with Him.
- Don't worry about your past. God can make up lost time for you. **2 Corinthians 12:9 – And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**
- God has each of your days measured out. There is a reason you are still here on earth. Take advantage of the time in front of you. Like Noah, live and act by faith!

Reflective Questions for Hall of Faith – Part 2

1. Can you imagine the kind of courage/faith it took for Noah to begin building the ark when there was no visible – or logical – reason for him to do it? How - do you suppose - Noah and his family were able to remain true to God's directive for the 100 or more years it took to build the ark? (compare Genesis 5:32 and Genesis 7:11.)
2. In what ways might the story of Noah and his family help encourage someone who has just repented and accepted Jesus as the foundation for his or her life?
3. Do you have an example of where Noah's obedience in faith could apply to something the world today might regard as foolish?