

## HEROES – 1

“Noah”

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Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* (NIV)

**When you wonder if your life really counts...**

**“one person can make a difference.”**

Genesis 6:5-8 *The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.* (NIV)

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

#### 1. You can make a difference for your family.

Genesis 7:1 *The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.”* (NIV)

Acts 16:31 *Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.* (NIV)

#### 2. You can make a difference for your generation.

Acts 13:36 *Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep.* (NIV)

#### 3. You can make a difference for God.

Ezekiel 22:30 *I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.* (NIV)

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

- Don't be afraid to stand out in a crowd.

Proverbs 29:25 *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.* (NIV)

- Don't be afraid to do something for the first time.

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.* (NIV)

- When you see a rainbow, remember God's faithfulness.

Matthew 28:20 *“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* (NLT)

2 Peter 3:6-9 *By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* (NIV)