

Passage: Hebrews 11:5-7

Title: Faith in Walking and Working

Summary: As we continue in our study of the “Hall of Faith”, the “Heroes of Faith”, all people just like us, all people who proved it can be done, and show us to do it. This study we will look “Faith in Walking” and “Faith in Working” and see that two are inseparable. Do you want a faith that works? It will start by a faith that walks first. Join us for another great passage of Scripture that takes us to faith that pleases God.

Hebrews 11:5–7 (NKJV) ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. 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.

Oftentimes the question is what does faith look like if it cannot be seen, but in actuality, faith looks like something because it can be seen in our walk with the Lord and our working for the Lord.

This chapter doesn’t just give us real life examples of people of faith, but it is a diagnostic, a mirror, that we can look into and determine, how is my faith? Am I living a life of faith that is pleasing unto the Lord.

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

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In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

2.) Faith in Walking – 11:5-6

(Hebrews 11:5 NKJV) By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hearers Knew the Word

The author of this epistle doesn’t write a page on the story of Enoch or Noah, just a summary statement of them. Why, because he started with the position that the hearers were well-versed in the scriptures.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV 1900) ¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Story of Enoch

Now by the time that Enoch came along, the world was becoming quite sinful. But here is a man who walked with God in the midst of a sinful people. My mind pictures the story something like this, Enoch would take a daily walk with God. And God would meet him every morning and Enoch would walk with God, and fellowship with God. And one morning, God said to Enoch, let's walk a little further today. Bring your lunch along. And so Enoch took his lunch. And they walked and they had lunch together and they continued to walk until finally Enoch said, it's getting late, Lord. We had better head for home. And the Lord said, we're closer to My house, than yours. Just come on home with Me! Or maybe the story would be that they walked and communed so closely that they walked right into heaven and Enoch didn't realize it, because he was looking at his Lord, rather than his surroundings. After sometime Enoch would say well I best be getting home, the wife is probably cooking dinner, and the Lord would say Enoch, you're already home. Whatever the way it was, Enoch was translated that he should not see death.

Faith to Continually Conversate

Genesis 5:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

The word walk here means "to continually conversant". Enoch believed that his intimate fellowship with God, his continually conversation, was his key to life. The flood would come upon the world, but Enoch wouldn't be around for it, for God took him home and kept him from the judgement. Enoch was right about his faith in his fellowship with the Father.

Prayer and the Word is a continual conversation with the One who created us, loves us, died for us. We were created with a purpose. If you feel your life is empty, meaningless, void, or lacking it is because you are not living for what you were created for, intimacy with your Creator. I like the Old King James version of Revelation 4:11, which is more clear, we were created for His good pleasure.

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

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Enoch's Formula / We can't See Him / Walk by Faith

V.5 - for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Enoch's formula for pleasing God? Walking with God. Webster's Dictionary defines walk as "preceding step by step." It takes faith to walk with Him, because we can't see Him. These Hebrew believers were tempted to go back to the temple because they could see it, feel it, and touch it, the author is saying don't do it, for we walk by faith:

(2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Walk with Him and your faith will grow:

(Romans 10:17 NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Christian - Listen to what the Spirit speaks to us about walking with Him, making time for our walk:

(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. We can do great things, great works for Him, but not until we reach the point of faith, the point of saying I Need you, is He pleased with us.

2 things we see in this verse if we are to come to Him:

- 1.) Believing He exists and is real.
- 2.) That He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The word, "is, means "to become".

A Rewarder / God is the Reward

Faith believes God is a rewarder of those that come to Him. A Rewarder of things? Possessions? No like Enoch the reward is God Himself, to walk with Him, to know Him as the "Great I Am"

I AM That I AM (Becoming One)

Moses asked God. "Who do I say You are?"

- "I AM THAT I AM," God answered (see Exodus 3:14).

Exodus 3:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

It means the becoming One. In other words, God said, "I am whatever you need."

- Are you lonely? God is the friend who's closer than a brother.
- Are you confused about what to do? He is the door.
- Are you feeling like you're walking in a haze? He's the Good Shepherd.

Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

John 10:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

John 10:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Faith hopes for the unseen because it believes God is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Not Enough to Believe / Must Seek Him Diligently / Active - not Passive

Faith believes God is the One who will meet the needs deep within my heart. There are those who believe God is—but they don't really seek Him. Why must we diligently seek God? Why isn't it enough just to believe He is whatever we have need of? Because God knows if we diligently seek Him, the very things about which we seek Him will fade in importance as we realize it's Him we want all along. **Faith is not passive, but active,**

I believe most of us have no problem with the first of these two keys to faith. We believe God is. But because we don't believe He rewards those who seek Him, we seek Him haphazardly or half-heartedly if at all.

Make Time

We need to be a people saying, "Lord, we seek Your blessing and Your direction, Your leading and Your provision because we understand You reward those who diligently seek You."

"I don't have time," you might be saying. Not true. We have time to golf, time to see the Ravens play, time to water ski, fix the plumbing, and go to the dentist. Every single one of us without exception has time. We do what we want and make time for what is of value to us.

Through Out History those Blessed

Throughout history, the common denominator in the lives of those who have been blessed is that they have all been those who realize God enjoys our company. And when we seek Him, we're rewarded—not because we're trying to earn brownie points—but just because hanging out with the Lord opens the door to fabulous blessing from Him.

Same True for Us

The same is true for us, our walk, our prayer fellowship, our hearing of His word, if we believe in faith that there is power in these things, then there will be power in it.

3.) Faith in Working – 11:7

(Hebrews 11:7 NKJV) 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.

Verse 7, "By faith Noah being divinely warned of things not yet seen..." Prior to Noah the Earth was watered by a heavy dew. It had never actually rained. At the time the Earth had a different eco-system - but the same cynicism. Imagine, the cable news reporters grilling Noah. They mocked and ridiculed him. I'm sure Noah became fodder for the late night talk show hosts. Noah reminds us that faith is never popular. (Adams)

Please God – Don't Draw Back

So we will study through some 10 specific names and their stories, another 6 in name and generalized reminded they are men/woman of faith, and stories that add up to literally "millions" of people walking by faith. So the heroes of faith in this chapter, but they are just the few of the many, who were the "just who lived by faith" and did not draw back.

Hebrews 10:38-39 (NKJV) ³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.* ³⁹ *But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.*

Christian your greatest testimony of faith will not be walking on water, planting a church, preaching to the multitude, saying arise take up your bed and walk to a lame person..... your greatest testimony of faith will to finish faith, finish your race, and not draw back or quit.

V.7 - moved with godly fear Yet Noah was unmoved by the criticism, because he was "moved with godly fear..." Noah cared about God's approval, more than he did his reputation among men.

V7 - Despite the public scorn for his project, he "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." A faith-filled Noah built an Ark and preached impending judgment. Faith hears what other people don't. It's privy to information other folks lack. Faith is often laughed at... but remember it was Noah who got the last laugh.

You Have to Walk before You can Work

You have to walk with the Lord before you can work for the Lord. Faith in Walking will lead you into action. Noah built an ark 450 feet long, but first he walked:

(Genesis 6:8 NKJV) *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

(Genesis 6:9 NKJV) *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

Once we start the work, we will need faith in it.

Noah's Story

The flood was God's judgment upon the sinful world. God looked upon the world. He looked at man and He saw that every thought and imagination of man's heart was only evil continually. And it repented God that He made man. God saw that the wickedness upon the earth was great, that the earth was filled with violence.

So God prepared to judge the earth, but there was a man who walked with God. His name was Noah. And God told Noah to build this large ship. He gave him the dimensions. He commanded him then to bring the animals, two of each kind, into this ship, that they might survive the great flood that God was going to send upon the earth. So Noah was about a hundred and twenty years in building the boat to save them from a rain that would cause a flood from rain which no one had ever seen nor heard of before.

Noah's Sermon / Long time to be Obedient

A 120 years is a long time to be obedient. And what an interesting illustrated sermon! People no doubt came all over. They probably ran tour buses to see this huge ship that this eccentric old man was building out in the wilderness or out in the desert area. You would know that you were in Noah's neighborhood because there wouldn't be any trees around his home, all you would see is tree stumps for miles and miles. And when you would ask this old man, what in the world are you building this thing for? He would tell you, there is going to be a flood! Now before this, it had not rained upon the earth. God watered the earth with the dew that came up out of the ground at night. They, no doubt, thought that he

was crazy. But he warned them, the judgment of God is going to come! God is going to destroy the earth with a flood!

Noah's Helpers / Signs of the Times

Noah's helper would have been Methuselah (lived a total of 969 years). Many scholars say that Methuselah means, it shall come - speaking of the flood, and he was close to 900 years old when Noah started building the ark. Imagine Noah keeping an eye on Methuselah if he believed the flood would come after Methuselah died, now there is incentive for you, everyday it would be, so how are you feeling there Methuselah? Could you imagine every time Methuselah coughed or sneezed Noah would be like are you ok, sit down, take a break, rest yourself, don't over do it. I imagine Noah wouldn't allow him to work on the scaffolding, saying no you just keep your feet on the ground here, don't want to take a chance of you falling. If Methuselah's nap went a little over Noah probably put his finger under his nose looking a breath. Maybe Noah had hired help, I don't know, if he did, they all missed the boat. Maybe that sounds like some of your workplaces, just keep working and witnessing and leave the rest up to the Lord.

Genesis 5:25–29 (NKJV) ²⁵ Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. ²⁶ After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. ²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. ²⁸ Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."

But none the less, whether it was Methuselah, or the very clear Word of the Lord, that the flood would come in 120 years, Noah had signs to look at and so do we as we study prophecy that points and show us that God's judgement and return are near.

Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) ³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Matthew 24:37–39 (NKJV) ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Noah's Son

Interesting, by the genealogy account Noah was given the word to start building the ark 20 years before his first son was born. Yet by faith Noah prepared them a room on the ark, for God had said to Noah, you and your son's. Even though Noah was the town joke, even though the family didn't go to the movies or malls like the rest of the families in town, all of Noah's believed him that the judgment was to come. Parents, keep working, keep preparing a room for your kids, and believe God will save them. Also, it is interesting that Noah knew the end was coming; judgment was on the horizon, yet he still chose to have kids. People struggle with that today, should we have children in the midst of this perverse generation, should we bring a child into this world even though judgment is coming? I say train up a child in the way they should go.....they will see the King. When a sold-out believer tells me they are having a child, I say Praise the Lord, another one for the kingdom.

Genesis 5:32 (NKJV) ³² And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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Genesis 7:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Faith in Action

What could keep Noah going? First that he walked with God. And from that walk, when God spoke, he knew it. Noah put his faith into action, into works. Work's, action, will be a natural outpouring of Faith.

(James 2:17 NKJV) Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Why Some people Ministry Blossom

People wonder why some folks are so spiritual, why others seem particularly blessed, why others are used. It's not that God is playing favorites. It's just that those who seem to have a special relationship with God are simply those who chose to keep going. Whether it's in expression of praise, gifts of the Spirit, or aspects of ministry—however far you want to go in spiritual life, God will never say to you, "You're going a little too far. You're getting a little too spiritual." Never

God will take you Deeper / Red Sea / Jordan river

Now, as you step out in "Faith in Working", God will take you deeper and deeper in your faith. With each experience, with each time you see God reward you for your step of faith, He will take you into a deeper maturity of your personal walk.

The children of Israel saw God part the Red Sea, but their next water crossing (over the Jordan into the Promised Land), God says I show you my works last time, now I want you to show me your faith, *Exodus 14:21–22 (NKJV)* ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Joshua 3:14–17 (NKJV) ¹⁴ So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), ¹⁶ that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

The more you work with and for the Lord, the deeper he will take you in your faith.

Application of Faith of Noah

Noah had the Faith to keep walking and working, and not drawing back, in the face of all his opposition.

Genesis 6 tells us four things that were happening at the time of Noah

1. Population Explosion – 6:1
2. Strange and Extreme Sexual Behavior – 6:2-4
3. Evil Imaginations – 6:5-10
4. The Earth Filled with Violence – 6:11-13

Genesis 6:1–13 (NKJV) ¹ Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. ³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

You Noah's in the Room – It will Take Great Faith to Keep Walking

Jesus said, now listen you Noah's in the room, Jesus said as it was in the days of Noah so will it be when the Son of Man returns.

Matthew 24:37–39 (NKJV) ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Christian, you Noah's in the room, it will take great faith to keep walking and working unto the Lord in these days we live. A key, to faith, is Abel (Faith in the Sacrifice), and Enoch (simply walking with the Lord)

Revelation 5:12 (NKJV) ¹² saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

But let me ask you this question, who receives the wrath of God? Who does the rock (wrath of God) fall upon. There is such a subtle deception today, and I mean in the church, that the Devil is whispering and people are tuning into.

Matthew 21:44 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

It is the Pharisaical deception. The Church doesn't want to seem harsh, unloving, critical, and cringes when accused of being any of these. Yes they were critical, judgmental, and unloving.... But their ultimate sin was that they made their own religion up, one that they say no need for repentance, and thus no need for a Savior, as they had their religion down at the Temple, their sacrificial system, and they ultimately rejected the “One”, Jesus who was greater than the Temple. Jesus (see Hosea 6:6) flat out told them I am greater than the Temple (which has been our continual study through this Book of Hebrews). He told the Pharisees this, and they wanted to have Him killed for it, and eventually they will be instruments to fulfill the prophecy of Jesus being the final sacrifice, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. Christians today are treading into the Pharisee deception in that they want to preach only love and acceptance, no calling for repentance, no hell to come for not repenting, and only an accepting as you are. They think that is being loving and accepting, but it is leading people into damnation, just as the Pharisees of Jesus day did, by making their own form of religion, which in the end..... was Christless.

Matthew 12:1–8 (NKJV) ¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” ³ But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶ Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple. ⁷ But if you had known what *this* means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Hosea 6:6 (NKJV) ⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Malachi 3:6 (NKJV) ⁶ “For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Are we living, can we say, as Paul would? I want to finish as well as Paul did.

Acts 20:17–38 (NKJV) ¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. ³² “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. ³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, ³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

It will take great faith to live it out to the end, to live out our faith in the Days of Noah. How will your faith end Christian?

When Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, there were many people buried in the ruins. Some were found in cellars, as if they had gone there for security. Some were found in the upper rooms of buildings. But where was the Roman sentinel found? Standing at the city gate where he had

been placed by the captain, with his hands still grasping his weapon. There, while the earth shook beneath him there, while the floods of ashes and cinders covered him—he had stood at his post. And there, after a thousand years, was this faithful man still to be found.

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Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need