

(Hebrews 11:1-2 ESV) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

(Hebrews 11:7) It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

(Hebrews 11:39-40) All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

(Genesis 6:8 ESV) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

--- Words from Noah ---

1. _____ matters.

(Genesis 6:9a) This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time,

2. _____ matters.

(Genesis 6:9b) and he walked in close fellowship with God.

3. _____ matters.

(Genesis 6:14) "Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out." - God

4. _____ matters.

(Genesis 6:22) So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

5. _____ matters.

(Genesis 7:6-7) Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. He went on board the boat to escape the flood—he and his wife and his sons and their wives.

(Genesis 7:16) A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them.

6. _____ matters.

(Genesis 8:18;20) So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat...Then Noah built an altar to the Lord...

--- Running with the Giants ---

(Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

✓ **Make sure your** _____.

(Hebrews 12:1a) Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

(Hebrews 12:14-15) Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

✓ **Focus on** _____.

(Hebrews 12:1b) Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

(Hebrews 12:2) Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

✓ **Keep** _____ **in your life.**

(Hebrews 12:2) Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.