



Bible Study Guide

By Faith Noah...

Text: Genesis 6 & 7 & Hebrews 11:7 (read)

Bible Study Focus: What does real faith look like when you've never seen the outcome? In this study, we walk through Noah's story and uncover how he trusted God, obeyed without evidence, and stayed faithful over time. It's a powerful look at what it means to build your life on God's Word—even when it doesn't make sense.

Key verse: "By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." – **Hebrews 11:7 (NASB)**

• The Progression of Sin

- **Within 1 generation:** Disobedience evolved into **murder** and **deception**.
- **Within 5 generations:** Murder **doubled**, and man formulated his own **law**.
- **Within 10 generations:** "...the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that **every** intent of the thoughts of their hearts was **only** evil **continually**." – Genesis 6:5
 - **Every** – no **exceptions**
 - **Only** – nothing else mixed in
 - **Continually** – Without **pause** or remission
- "So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." – Genesis 6:6
- The Divine experiment presented its results: sin multiplied and grew deeply within the midst of humanity. Humanity is finished without divine intervention and salvation from the nature of sin.

• Noah Responded By Faith

- "By **faith** Noah, being warned by God about **things not yet seen**, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household." – **Hebrews 11:7 (NASB)**
 - **Faith is:**
 - Substance – *hypostasis* – **foundation** or substructure of things hoped for.
 - Evidence – *elegchos* – the **proof** of things **not yet seen**.
 - There is no faith without movement or action: if you are waiting to "see" it before you move...then it is not faith.
 - 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." – **John 20:28,29**

Reflection Question: Have you ever been in a situation where all you had was God's Word? What did faith look and feel like in that moment?

- **Noah Built With Purpose**
The Scope of the Task

Length 450 ft	Width 75 ft	Height 45 ft
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The Math of Faith

Before Noah could even begin building, he had to prepare the raw materials. Consider the staggering scope:

Outer shell surface area	~115,000 sq ft
Total deck area (3 decks)	~101,250 sq ft
Estimated wood planks (minimum)	~750,000 planks
Estimated wood planks (full build)	Up to 1.5 million planks
Trees needed (at 500 board ft/tree)	1,500 to 3,000 trees

- “...in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household...” – **Hebrews 11:7**
 - **Reverence** - εὐλαβέομαι **eulabéomai (yoo-lab-eh'-om-ahée)** - to act cautiously; to take **seriously**;
 - Every measurement was important. The type of wood was important. The placement of the window was important. When the Lord speaks in “specifics”, they are important.
 - **Question:** How do you stay faithful when long-term obedience appears “slow”?
- **Noah Warned With Boldness**
 - “...by which he **condemned** the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” – **Hebrews 11:7 (NASB)**
 - **Condemned** - κατακρίνω **katakρίnō (kat-ak-ree'-no)** - to give **judgment** against; by one's good example, render another's wickedness more **evident**.
 - Righteous living is more than a byproduct of your faith; it reveals **truth** to others.
 - For 100 years Noah moved in obedience to the word of the Lord. His faithful obedience was the convicting evidence against the world...and he was not silent about it:
 - **2 Peter 2:4,5,9 (NASB)** – “4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, held for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, **a preacher of righteousness**, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment...”
 - **Reflection Question:** Does your life serve as a witness to those around you? Are you building something—in your character, your family, your community—that points others to the Ark of salvation?