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Title: Faith Endures; Faith Receives, pt-4

Purpose: Provoke people to embrace the faith, lifestyle and priorities of Noah.

Truth for Today: Faith that endures becomes faith that receives God's promise.

Text: Hebrews 11:7

Topic: Faith, Noah, Obedience, Father's Day

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I. Introduction Father's day video

- A. Review: Series: Faith Endures; Faith Receives, a vs. by vs. walk through Heb. 11.
- B. Series purpose: Provoke people to have faith in God that is aligned with His will so we can obediently endure difficulty and receive what He promises in His timing.
- C. Last week we talked about faith and creation, and 2 heroes of faith: Abel and Enoch.
 - 1. Def. faith, [Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) Faith shows the **reality** of what we hope for; it is the **evidence** of things we cannot see.] Faith aligned with God's will is a spiritual fact not a wish. It's being certain God exists and His promises are true; it's proof to convince us about unseen hopes and realities.¹
- D. Today we'll talk about another hero of faith, Noah. He was a father who saved his family from God's judgment on an evil world.

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II. Noah, a hero of faith and example to fathers

- A. [Heb. 1:7 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.**] Pic theme park in Ky. with a life size replica.
 - 1. Genesis 6:5–9 (NLT) **The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. 6...It broke his heart. 7**

And the LORD said, **“I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth...⁸ But Noah found favor (*NKJV grace*) with the LORD. 9...Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God...¹⁴ “Build a large boat (*ESV ark*)...¹⁷...I am about to cover the earth with a **flood**...Everything on earth will die. 7:1 When everything was ready, the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat **with all your family**, for among all the people of the earth, **I can see that you alone are righteous.****

B. Evidence of worldwide flood. (1) Pics Fish fossil on Mt. Everest the tallest mountain on earth, 29k. ft.⁶ Siri How did fossils get to the top of Mt Everest? NY Times/ Nasa. Through a process called uplift, these animals died from 15 million to 20 million years ago, their carcasses settled to the ocean floor and were embedded in submarine sediments. But since then, the **violent upthrusting of the Andean chain** has carried the sediments to the tops of mountains.⁸ (Movement of tectonic plates) [Genesis 7:11 (NLT) When Noah was 600 years old...**all the underground waters erupted from the earth**, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky.] I wonder if this eruption caused the tectonic plates to shift and form Mt. Everest?

1. (2) Why Does Nearly Every Culture Have a Tradition of a Global Flood? Dr. John Morris, PHD. One of the strongest evidences for the global flood has been the 200+ flood legends from people groups from around the world, e.g., the Mid-East, S America and Pacific Islands and the stories are all so similar. (1) Is there a favored family? 88% (2) Were they forewarned? 66% (3) Is flood due to wickedness of man? 66% (4) Is catastrophe only a flood? 95% (5) Was flood global? 95% (6) Is survival due to a boat? 70% (7) Were animals also saved? 67%.

Summary: Once there was a worldwide flood, sent by God to judge the wickedness of man. But there was one righteous family which was forewarned of the coming flood. They built a boat on which they survived the flood along with the animals. As the flood ended, their boat landed on a high mountain from which they descended and repopulated the whole earth.⁷

C. Life App #1: God will bless those who live by faith in God and walk in close fellowship with Him.

1. [Vs. 9 Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless (*NKJV having integrity*) person...and he walked in close fellowship with God...] How would the Lord describe you? Noah's a role model for dads and all of us to walk close to God.
 2. Noah, like Abel, was called righteous not because of the way he lived but 1st because of his faith in God. [Ro 4:5 (NLT) But **people are counted as righteous**, not because of their work, but **because of their faith in God** who forgives sinners.] However, people with genuine faith in God try to live righteous lives. Like Abel who sacrificed an animal to atone for sin, Noah brought animals for sacrifice on the ark.
- D. Life App #2: Biblical faith doesn't just believe; it obeys. [Vs 7 It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. **He obeyed God,**] The proof Noah had faith in God was he did what God said and built the ark. [James 2:26 (NCV)...faith that does nothing is dead!]
1. It wasn't easy for Noah to have faith in God. The ark was 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high and it housed the several thousand animals. It took faith because he built it on dry land, and it had never rained. [Genesis 2:5–6 (ESV) ... the Lord God had not caused it to rain...⁶ and a mist (*NIV streams*) was going up from the land and was watering...the ground.] It took 55-75 years to build.⁵ Noah believed God and built it anyway. That's faith in action.
- E. Life App #3: Human wickedness and evil will bring God's judgment.
1. [Ge. 6:5–9 (NLT) The Lord observed the extent of **human wickedness**...and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.]
 2. Voice NT, Romans 2:5–8 (NLT) ⁵ But because you are stubborn and **refuse to turn from your sin**, you are storing up **terrible punishment** for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when **God's righteous judgment** will be revealed. ⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷ He will give **eternal life to those who keep on doing good**...⁸ But he will pour out his **anger and wrath** on those...who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.]
- F. Life App #4: Even if our friends and other people live ungodly lives, we don't have to be like them. [Ge 7:1 ...I can see that **you alone are righteous**]
1. [1 Pe 4:3–5 (NLT) You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and

drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. ⁴ Of course, your **former friends** are surprised **when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do**. So they slander you. ⁵ But remember that **they will have to face God**, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead.]

2. There is a fact of life; we will likely become like the people closest to us. Context, people denying the resurrection, [1 Cor. 15:32–33 (NLT)...if there is no resurrection, “**Let’s feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!**” ³³ Don’t be fooled by those who say such things, for “**bad company corrupts good character.**”] Beer Be careful who influences you the most. Our friends will draw us closer to God or pull us away from Him.

III. Conclusion: Life app #5: Our task is to tell as many people as we can about Jesus before it’s eternally too late.

A. Context the judgment of sin and evil, [2 Peter 2:5 (NIV) if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected **Noah, a preacher of righteousness**, and seven others;] Pic Noah preaching

1. Noah didn’t just build an ark, he told people about God and the coming judgment and encouraged them to have faith in God and live a righteous life.
2. Our #1 task is to tell people about Jesus and encourage them to believe and follow Him. [Romans 10:14 (NCV) But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and **for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them;**] That someone is us.

B. Response

1. Prayer of commitment for Christians to tell people about Jesus.
2. Prayer for souls.
3. Father’s Day prayer: Noah was a good dad because he led his family in the ways of God, and they were saved from God’s judgment. This is the most important thing a dad can do, live a godly example, and teach his kids about Jesus and the Bible.
 - a. Prayer and gift for dads.

IV. Response

A. Altar

B. Prayer

C. Souls

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VI. Supplemental Material

- A. **Righteousness which is by faith**—*Greek*, “according to faith.” A Pauline thought. Noah is first called “righteous” in Ge 6:9. Christ calls Abel so, Mt 23:35. Compare as to Noah’s righteousness, Ez 14:14, 20; 2 Pe 2:5, “a preacher of righteousness.” Paul here makes *faith* the principle and ground of his righteousness.³
- B. The main evidence of Noah’s *faith* is the building of the *boat*.² Faith “made Noah pay attention to God’s warnings” or “made Noah pay attention to what God said, when God warned him about things in the future.”²
- C. “reverential fear”: opposed to the world’s sneering disbelief of the revelation, and self-deceiving security. Join “by faith” with “prepared an ark” (1 Pe 3:20).³
- D. The global flood lasted about one year.²

- E. One day the earth and all wickedness will be destroyed by fire.
1. Context: the world's sneering disbelief of God's judgment, and self-deceiving security. ⁴ They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again... everything has remained the same since the world was first created." ⁵ They deliberately forget... ⁶ ...he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a **mighty flood**. ⁷ And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for **fire**. They are being kept for **the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed...**]
- F. Nasa: The mountain range was formed when a large land mass broke off from Africa roughly 200 million years ago and was carried by plate tectonics across what is now the Indian Ocean. When this land mass came close to Asia, it started to push up the land ahead of it, forming a large shallow ocean with rich ocean life. The bones and shells of the plants and animals in this shallow ocean formed limestone and left fossils. As the land mass continued to plow north and collide with Asia, the ocean was slowly raised up and drained, eventually being lifted up to form the Himalayan Mountains.⁹
- G. People are unaware a day of God's wrath against evil is coming again. [Luke 17:26-27 (NLT) "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in **Noah's day**. ²⁷ In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.]