

Devotional

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# NOAH

- ***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 is in keeping with faith. Heb 11:7***
- ***What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? James 2:14***
- ***In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17***
- ***You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. James 2:22***
- ***You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone James 2:24***

Faith is powerful. It can truly change the one who possesses it, as well as change its surroundings. Faith can move mountains. Faith can move you from a state of rest to action! Faith always creates action. True faith cannot stand alone.

An argument can be made that it was fear that motivated Noah to build the ark.

*[Heb. 11:7 uses the word fear (greek εὐλαβέομαι (Pronunciation key: yü-lä-be'-o-mī)). However this is a holy fear. This same word is used again in **Act 23:10: And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing (εὐλαβέομαι) lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.***

Noah's fear was a result of faith.

Noah believed that God was going to do what He said he would do. If Noah did not act and complete his charge, then his family and his own life would be lost. This motivated Noah to complete the Ark for his family's salvation. Noah had - eyes wide open - faith.

Anyone who has ever started a large project is familiar with Murphy's law. "If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong at the worst possible moment." The problems that accompany any project of this scale is multiplied with the community protest of building a three story building that can float in the middle of an area that had never seen rain. This looked like a completely foolish endeavor. He was doing what had never been done before on stage before a community who could not comprehend the need. He surely appeared to be a crazy man obsessed with a preposterous and pointless enterprise. Yet Noah endured. He did not just risk it all. He did not just work hard. He completed the task. His work was done with purpose. Many work very hard but their work does not accomplish results. All workers want to be recognized and rewarded for their work. Their employers, however, only see the results.

***Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air.  
-1 Corinthians 9:26.***

# NOAH

Scripture does not tell us if God instructed anyone else to build an ark. I, for some reason, believe he told many. I feel there were many who confessed a true faith in God and I feel many believed they had faith. I could even be persuaded that many made plans, some may have gotten some material out to start. But Noah didn't just start the project, Noah didn't just work on a boat, Noah finished the job. Noah was the sole soul that demonstrated genuine faith. By virtue of Noah's faith driven works, he and his family were saved and the world condemned. Noah became the father of the modern human race.

God has purposed us to be the difference. Many times what we do may not be considered glorious. Many will call us absurd. Even in the church when we do something new many will say "we have never done it that way before." If we have clearly received our designs from God, we can be sure our actions will bring salvation to all who will join in.

## TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

- Help me to understand clearly my position in God's economy.
- Let me focus on completing the task before me.
- Help me focus on results and not worship the process.
- Always trust and fear God.