



I. Review

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is something we all **POSSESS**.

Faith is **ACTION**.

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the **measure of faith God has given you**. Romans 12:3*

*And without faith it is **impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6*

Faith is the **HINGE** that your Christian beliefs swing on – in fact faith is the **HINGE** that life swings on.

II. Great Cloud of Witnesses

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a **great cloud of witnesses**, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1*

Faith Lessons from the Heroes:

1. **Abel** – Living with faith begins by dealing with my **SIN**.

"I can't live a life of faith because of my family"

2. **Enoch** – Faith is a part of **EVERYDAY LIFE**. Continuing to do the right thing in the right direction – faithful living.

"I can't live a life of faith because there are no Christians around me."

III. Noah – Faith that **OBEYS**

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*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in **advance for us to do**.* Ephesians 2:10

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1. Noah **RESPONDED** to God

***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 comes by faith.* Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. Hebrews 11:7 (ESV)

2. Noah had a **TRACK RECORD** of faith

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

3. The ark was designed to accommodate many **MORE PEOPLE**

So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Genesis 6:14-19

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9