

Believing God

Performance of Faith: Noah Message 4

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► Outline

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 11:7 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Hebrews 11:7. C/R: James 2:26)

B. By faith we can...

1. _____ **to God with obedience.**
(Hebrews 11:7a. C/R: Genesis 6:8-9,11-14a,22)

2. _____ **the sin of the world.**
(Hebrews 11:7b. C/R: Genesis 6:5,9; 1 Peter 3:19-20; 2 Peter 2:5)

3. _____ **the righteousness of Christ.**
(Hebrews 11:7c. C/R: Genesis 6:14b; Romans 3:22)

Answers: 1. Respond 2. Rebuke 3. Receive

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God.

Begin with Prayer

Pause a moment to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

If you were creating a movie of your life, who would you choose to narrate it?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 6:1-22](#) and [Hebrews 11:7](#).

1. Make a list of ways the description of mankind in [Genesis 1:26-31](#) is different than [Genesis 6:1-8](#).
2. Why did God wipe out the human race? Because of God's grace and love, can't we do anything we want? See also [Romans 6:1-23](#).
3. How did Noah find *favor with the LORD* (vs. 8)?
4. What questions does the story of Noah raise for you?
5. If the story of Noah had not been included in the Bible, what would we be missing?

Read [James 2:14-18](#).

6. What is the relationship between faith and works?
7. Describe a time you knew what to do or say, but you didn't.
8. What step can you take to build your faith or trust in God?
9. How can this Small Group or a friend, help you walk more closely with God?

Digging Deeper

The story of Noah reminds us of our sinfulness and the need for forgiveness. Admitting we've done wrong (or bad thoughts we've had), is usually difficult and rarely talked about. Heartfelt confession, though, is one of the hallmarks of the Christian faith. Jesus suffered a gruesome death and rose from the dead, so we would experience the freedom and life that leads to obedience. Every time we confess how we've missed the mark of God's love and truth, we open ourselves up to the mending work of the cross.

Read [1 John 1:1-10](#). Invite God to come right in and look at your sin with you. Name your sin one by one and ask for forgiveness as the Spirit prompts you.

This is the sort of faith that enables us to obey God and deepens our relationship with Him.

For further study and reflection, read [Psalm 32](#) and [Psalm 51](#).

Soul Training

Divide your life into 7-year segments, and reflect on the sins particular to each segment. Confess your sins aloud (things like envy, lust, greed, deceit, gluttony, lying, anger, pride, self-reliance, avoidance of responsibility). By faith, ask God to forgive you and deepen your desire to obey Him.

Memory Verse

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.

[Hebrews 11:7a \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

Day 4: [James 2:14-18](#)

Day 2: [Psalm 32:1-5](#)

Day 5: [Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

Day 3: [2 Timothy 1:9-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, July 19, we'll continue the series *Believing God*, with a closer look at the life of **Abraham**. To prepare, read [Genesis 12:1-9](#) and [Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-19](#).



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