



Noah

WEEK 3

WARM-UP

- Tell about a time that you had to explore an unfamiliar city or area. How was the experience?
- Have you ever had to work or move around in the dark? What happened?
- In what situations would you put your trust in a complete stranger? Share some of these.

WORD *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*

Noah was included in the hall of faith in Hebrews because of his immediate obedience to God to build an ark in preparation for the flood. He heard God and obeyed Him despite not having seen the flood that God said would happen. He even built an entire ark because of this faith. Noah had great faith in spite of the unseen and unknown. Here are three things we can learn from him.

1 | Believe the Word.

¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch." **GENESIS 6:13,14**

Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. He walked with God (Genesis 6:9). God told Noah that He would wipe out the rest of mankind because of their sin. He also told Noah to begin building the ark that would save him and his family from that destruction. In spite of this situation being unheard of, Noah believed what God had said. How can our faith be strengthened in the face of the unknown?

2 | Obey the Word.

²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him . . . ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. **GENESIS 6:22; 7:5**

Not only did Noah believe what God had told him, he also obeyed God's command. The ark was built over a period of more than a hundred years. Noah had to have the faith to build this huge structure slowly but surely over many years, believing that what God said would come to pass. What is one command from God that you obeyed or didn't obey?

3 | Preach the Word.

. . . if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly . . . **2 PETER 2:5**

Noah was a *herald of righteousness*. This means that he preached righteousness and warned people of God's righteous judgment upon a world that was ungodly. Being children of God, we too are heralds of righteousness to those around us. How can we encourage those around us in spite of not being sure of what's coming next?

APPLICATION

- Do you trust God to take care of your future? Would you like to put your faith in Him today?
- Noah believed and obeyed what God commanded him. What are two ways that you can deepen and hold fast to your faith in God in the face of the unseen?
- Ask God to show you someone with whom you can share His peace and courage this week regarding the unseen future.

