

Message.

Hebrews 11 reminds us of the account of Noah and his great example of faith. The big takeaway is that true faith isn't about seeing a clear outcome, but about trusting and obeying God completely, no matter the cost. Noah heard God's word, and even though it was a wild command to build a giant boat when it had never rained, he acted with reverence and persistence. He had the courage to stand alone and just keep building, day after day. This shows us how we can live by faith: by hearing God in His Word daily, obeying Him fully and immediately, persevering patiently when things are difficult, and pointing others to the ultimate ark of safety, Jesus Christ. Ultimately, faith is trusting the One who holds the outcome, not about seeing it for ourselves.

Prayer.

Lord,

I believe in You. You are my Guide, my Savior, my Lord. I will listen for Your voice and will walk in obedience. Guide me now as I look at Your Word, listening for Your voice. Grant me discernment on how I need to grow in my faith and obedience.

Amen.

Scripture.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 7

Genesis 6:5-14

Engage.

"Faith trusts God enough to obey Him completely—before we see the proof." What are some of the practical and social costs that Noah likely faced as he began building the ark, and how do these costs demonstrate his complete trust in God?

"Faith begins when God speaks." What is an example from your own life where hearing and truly reverencing God's Word led you to an act of obedience, even if it was a small step?

Noah had the courage to stand alone while building the ark. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to persevere in obedience when it feels like no one else understands or supports your faith?

The ark is a symbol for Jesus, and there will come a day when the door is shut. How does this analogy deepen your understanding of the urgency and safety found in a relationship with Christ?

Pastor Lynfield gave four points on "How to live by faith like Noah." Which of these four points—Hear God clearly, Obey God fully, Persevere patiently, or Point others to the Ark—do you find to be the most difficult for you personally, and why?

What is God asking you to build today in obedience to Him? This may not be a specific "big" thing. It might be a "small" tangible step of obedience. What is God prompting you to do this week in response to His Word?