

Eyes of Faith – Noah

Hebrews 11:1-7

Two weeks ago I began talking about faith.
This is something that Christians need.
But what is faith again?
It is being sure of what we hope for, certain of what we do not see.

I also began to talk about our building campaign.
This is going to take faith on our part.
What do we hope for?
That God will provide the resources to pay for a new building.
That He will provide a buyer for our current property.
That the church will grow through this process.

All of this is going to take great faith.
We've named our capital campaign – "Eyes of Faith".
Why this?
Because we want to be able to see how God is going to take care of our needs.
We need to trust in God that He will do this.
How big is God?
Is God big enough to provide the resources to build a new building.
Yes, He is.

Two weeks ago we looked at Abel and Enoch.
Two men who lived their lives by faith.
This morning we can look at Noah, another great example of a man who lived by faith.

He certainly exemplifies being sure of what he hoped for and certain of what he could not see.
How was Noah able to live like this?

1. Noah knew God.

Genesis 6:9 – 14

Noah knew God.
He walked with God.
He spent time with God.
Because he lived like this, Noah found favor in God's eyes.

It is important that we know God and be in a relationship with Him.

It is possible to know of someone and not know them.

Noah knew God.
They had a friendship.
They spent time together.

I was reminded of the joy of friendship this week, as I spoke with my best friend in AR.
We spent time together.

Because Noah knew God, he listened to God.

2. Noah listened to God.

This is another great example Noah gives us.
He listened to what God said to him
What did God say to Noah?
"I'm getting ready to destroy the world because of their sin."

God warned him about the flood that was coming.
He warned Noah of what was going to happen.
Why did God do this?

Because He loved Noah and his family.
They were friends and Noah was a righteous man.
Because he was a righteous man, Noah found favor with God.
What does it mean to find favor with God?
Our lives please God.
Is this important?

Can we live a life like Noah?
We have to know God – be in a relationship with Him.

Another reason I believe God warned Noah was to save
mankind and the animals through the ark.

Being able to listen to God is very important.
But in order to know God's voice, we must spend time with
Him.
The more time we spend with Him, the better we will know
His voice.
As we learn His voice, we will learn to trust like Noah.
How did Noah trust God?

3. Noah trusted God enough to obey.

Noah trust God to build an ark even though it had never rained.
Noah didn't know what rain was.

Genesis 2:4-6 ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the
earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the
earth and the heavens-- ⁵ and no shrub of the field had yet
appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung
up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there
was no man to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from
the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

God had not sent rain on the earth and He tells Noah to build a
boat large enough to hold all the animals and all of Noah's
family.

How many of us have this kind of faith?
The kind of faith that steps out when you can't see.
Noah obeyed God and spent 120 years building an ark and
preaching to his community but no one listened.

Now is a perfect time to start a capital campaign.
This is the time when we will have to lean on the Lord more
than ever.
In this He will get the glory.
When people ask, "How did you do this?" we can point them
straight to God.