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Sunday, September 1, 2013

**“THE WORK OF FAITH”**

(Hebrews 11:7)

Today we complete our series on Old Testament heroes with the story of Noah. It may be one of the most familiar stories in the Bible. We will visit the story to see what it meant and what it means for us today.

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*“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 is in keeping with faith” (Hebrews 11:7, NIV).*

*“Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch’” (Genesis 6:13-14, NASB).*

*“I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you” (Genesis 6:18, NASB).*

*“Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time” (Genesis 7:1, NASB).*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10, NASB).*

*“preacher of righteousness” (2 Peter 2:5, NASB).*

*“The end of the world is coming soon” (1 Peter 4:7, NLT).*

**1. The work of faith is to hear the voice of God amid other voices.**

**2. The work of faith is to obey the voice of God even when it doesn’t make sense.**

*“Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind” (Acts 26:24, NASB).*

**3. The work of faith is to do the will of God even if you are the only one doing it.**

**4. The work of faith is to go on with God’s work regardless of opposition or discouragement.**

*“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” (Matthew 5:11, NASB).*

**5. The work of faith is to proclaim the message of God whether it is received or not.**

*“Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16, NLT).*

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:1, NASB).*

*“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20, NASB).*

*“But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided” (Genesis 8:1, NASB).*