



DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH
Part 1 – Noah

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Hebrews 11:6 (NLT), “And it is **impossible** to please God **without faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him must **believe** that God **exists** and that he **rewards** those who sincerely **seek** him.”

1. True faith is _____.

James 2:14 (NLT), “¹⁴What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you **say** you have faith but **don’t show it** by your **actions**? Can that kind of faith **save** anyone?”

James 2:17 (NLT), “¹⁷So you see, **faith** by itself **isn’t enough**. Unless it **produces** good **deeds**, it is **dead** and **useless**.”

2. The flood is not a _____.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT), “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**.”

3. God’s vision receives God’s _____.

Pastor Chuck Smith, “Where God guides, God provides.”

Genesis 6:14-16 (NLT), “**Build a large boat** from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵ Make the boat **450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high**. ¹⁶ Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat – lower, middle, and upper.”

Genesis 6:22 (NLT), “So **Noah did everything exactly** as God had commanded him.”

4. Take _____ at a time.

Genesis 7:11-13 (NLT), “When Noah was **600 years old**, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the **rain fell** in mighty torrents from the sky. 12) The rain continued to fall for **forty days and forty nights**. 13) That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons; Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives.”

Mark Twain, "The secret to getting ahead is getting started. And the secret to getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

Genesis 9:12-15 (NLT), “12) Then God said, “I am giving you a **sign** of my **covenant** with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. 13) I have placed my **rainbow** in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. 14) When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, 15) and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. **Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life**.”

1 Peter 3:20b – 21 (NLT), “**God waited patiently** while Noah was building his boat. Only **eight people** were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. 21) And that water is a **picture of baptism**, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a **response to God from a clean conscience**. It is effective because of the **resurrection of Jesus Christ**.”
