

Heroes – Noah – 2

Hebrews 11:1-3

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. NKJV

- Faith is confident assurance
- It is going to happen
- God approves when we act in faith
- The God kind of faith

The Bible is full of examples of how to live the life of faith that pleases God

Life can be hard but people of faith have their focus on things beyond this world – Supernatural

When we live a life of faith the things in this life become dim and the things of heaven become our primary concern
“Your Kingdom come Your will be done”

No Slide: James 2:14, 17

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. NKJV

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NKJV

- Faith strips off every weight
- Faith says no to sin
- Faith runs with endurance
- Faith focuses on Jesus
- Faith brings us to a place of honor
- Seek those things where Christ is – **Colossians 3:1**

If you believe that something is not going to be good for you, you won't do it

If you believe that God will reward you for doing the right thing you will do it
The key is “if you believe” or “What”

Living a life of Faith that produces a strong relationship with our Heavenly Father will cause us to want to live a life that pleases Him and reaches out to others

Noah

No Slide: Genesis 5:28-29 NKJV

- There was a curse on the land – Remember the fall?
- God was looking for a man
- Noah (quiet) – to give Comfort
- One that would be obedient
- One that He could bless
- One that would bring comfort and blessing

No Slide: Genesis 6:8

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. NKJV

- Have I found grace in the eyes of the Lord?
- Jesus took the curse
- He gives us the Blessing – Grace – Unmerited Favor

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. NKJV

- You can only live by faith – In Him
- Its not powered by me
- It is powered by faith in Him through grace
- His work prepared beforehand
- We are ambassadors of the future – time travelers
- Proclaiming and Demonstrating the future Glory

Hebrews 6:5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come. NKJV

- Lets get “Back to the future” – Marty McFly

Matthew 24:37-38

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark. NKJV

Matthew 24:44

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

- Am I living an alert life?
- Is my lamp burning?
- Living as a citizen of Heaven – **Philippians 3:20-21**

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. NKJV

- Things that feel good
- Things that look good
- Things that make us feel important
- Don't get distracted with things that don't matter
- We are Foreigners! – **Hebrews 11:13-16**

Living your life for every desire, every personal goal or agenda apart from God's will for your life is giving the Devil opportunity to distract and lead you on a course that will be less than God's best for your life – Focus

Genesis 6:22

22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. NKJV

- Obedience is the key to blessing

Genesis 7:1

1 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. NKJV

- Righteous living brings a blessing (deliverance)
- Righteous living among my generation
- All your household
- Its what they see at home not youth group

Genesis 7:10-11

10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. NKJV

- Living under an open heaven brings the presence of God
- There may be tragedy all around
- There is safety in the will of God

Genesis 8:1

1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. NKJV

- Weeping may endure for a night – Psalm 30:5

1 Peter 5:8-11

8 **Be sober, be vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. NKJV

- Sober (discreet) – Vigilant (awake)
- Resist him
 - live out of the Kingdom (resources)
 - Bring the future to the present and to others
- Suffering and disappointment are part of life
- But God...
 - Gives Grace
 - Perfects us
 - Establishes us
 - Strengthens us
 - Settles us
- If you haven't grown since your last trial
 - that's not Gods fault
 - its not everyone else's fault

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet **the inward man is being renewed day by day**. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. NKJV

Genesis 8:10-12

10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. 11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. 12 **So he waited** yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. NKJV

- Olive leaf – peace and rest
- Do I live a life of peace and rest?
- Do I live a life of fear and anxiety?
- Learning to wait is part of God's rest – 370 - 375 Days
- What I do while waiting is the key

There is always a resting place for us in the will of God
Jesus spoke to the storm – Peace, be still!
He gives us peace in the midst of the storm
His rest causes the storms of life to recede

Hebrews 4:1-3

1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering **His rest**, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard **did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: NKJV

- The only way to enter rest is by believing the Word
- Rest is not moved by circumstance
- Fear (Trust) God or fear everything else
- If you abide in me – **John 15**
- The fruit is proof of the type of seed sowed

Hebrews 4:10-11

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. NKJV

- Rest comes through faith
- Allowing the word and His Spirit to work on our fears, doubts and flaws
- Changing us from the inside
- Surrendered to His care

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. NKJV

- Allow the word to define who you are
- Abide in Him – John 15
- Living by faith will sometimes be painful
- You will bear peaceable fruit of righteousness
– Hebrews 12:11 (Discipline)

Genesis 9:12-13

12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. NKJV

- We have a covenant – 1 Corinthians 11:24-26
- It can not be broken
- Rainbow (Glorious Church) – Pot of Gold (Jesus)