

Heroes – Noah

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”

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

Genesis 5:28-29 NKJV

28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."

- 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

2 Corinthians 1:4

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. NKJV

Genesis 6:6-8

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 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

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

NKJV

- Power to live a Godly life
- A life that pleases God
 - Seeking the Kingdom
- He has given us all we need
- The Church has become a thermometer when we should be a thermostat
- Same rate of divorce, pre-marital sex and debt
- We don't believe God we are reflecting the world

Genesis 6:14-15

14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: NKJV

- Do I follow the Lords direction?
- Do I know His direction (will) for my life?
- It will always include others
 - my life is meant to impact the lives of others
- Am I preparing for a harvest?

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

Luke 18:8 (speaking on prayer)

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" NKJV

- Do I realize the times we are living in?
- Is my life about the Kingdom?
- Am I living a life of faith?
- Serving, giving, reaching?

Matthew 24:43-44

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

- Is my house guarded?
- Guarded by the word of God?
- Am I living an alert life?
- Is my lamp burning?
- Or has Satan blown it out?
- Have I counted all things loss to gain Christ?

Matthew 24:45-47

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. NKJV

- Is my life worthy of a reward?
- Have I been faithful in the little things?
- Can He trust me with more?

Matthew 24:48-51

48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. NKJV

- Don't give up hope
- Don't lose sight of the prize
- Don't throw in the towel
- Live as if He were returning tomorrow
- He has a reward

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 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

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**

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

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 obedience
- 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 – **1Corinthians 11:24-26**
- It can not be broken
- He will never leave or forsake us – **Hebrews 13:5**