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**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.
“...pray for one another...”**

Noah – The Man

Genesis 6:5-8,11

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.”

2 Chronicles 16:9 LB “For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them...”

Four pitfalls on your path that will test you:

- Cultural distractions
(pleasure, possessions, popularity)
- Voices of doubt
- Tempting shortcuts
- Discouraging delays
(difficulties, detours and dead ends)

LESSONS FROM NOAH: Genesis 6-9

Four antidotes to the four pitfalls:

1. I must dare to be different from my culture.

Genesis 6:12 NLT “God observed all the corruption in the world, and He saw violence and depravity everywhere.”

Genesis 6:5-6 LB “When God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. It broke His heart.”

Genesis 6:8 MSG “But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.”

Genesis 6:8 LB “Noah was a pleasure to the Lord.”

Genesis 6:9a LB “Noah was the only truly righteous man living on the earth at that time.”

Matthew 7:13 NIV “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.”

2. I must listen to the voice of God, not the voices of doubt.

Hebrews 11:7a NCV “It was by faith Noah heard God’s warnings about things he could not see.”

Hebrews 11:7b LB “Noah’s belief in God was in direct contrast to the disbelief of the rest of the world...”

Genesis 6:9 NIV “Noah walked with God.”

Galatians 5:16 NLT “So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.”

3. I must do exactly as God tells me to do.

Genesis 6:9b LB “Noah always tried to conduct his affairs according to God’s will.”

Genesis 6:22 & 7:5 NLT “Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.”

Hebrews 11:7b NCV “Noah obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family.”

4. I must refuse to give up.

Galatians 6:9 NLT “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”

Galatians 6:8 KJV “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”