

Devotional: Day 3: "TRUST & FAITH"

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Hebrews 11:7 (MSG): "By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told...As a result, Noah became intimate with God"

Imagine this scene: *One day God comes to Noah and says, "I'm disappointed in human beings. In the entire world, no one but you thinks about me. But Noah, when I look at you, I start smiling. I'm pleased with your life, so I'm going to flood the world and start over with you and your family. I want you to build a giant ship which will save you and the animals."*

I once learned from one of my studies, this story is more about Noah's 'righteousness' and I guess his trust, more than it is about the flood itself.

There were three problems which could have caused Noah to doubt:

1. Noah had never seen rain because prior to the flood, God irrigated the earth from the ground up (Genesis 2:5-6).
2. Noah lived hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean. Even if he could learn to build a ship, how would he get it to water?
3. There was the problem of rounding-up all the animals and then caring for them.

But Noah didn't complain or make excuses. He trusted God completely, which made God smile. What will **you** do today or anytime during our month of fast which will make God smile?

Trusting God completely means having the faith to believe God knows what is best for your life. You expect Him to keep His promises, help you with problems, and do the impossible when necessary. As you know, Vel and myself, where her recent two years are concerned, are walking testimonies if this truth!

The Bible says, "He takes pleasure in those who honor Him, in those who trust in His constant love" (Psalm 147:11).

It took Noah 120 years to build the ark. I imagine he faced many discouraging days. With no sign of rain year after year, he was probably criticized as a "crazy man who thinks God speaks to him." I imagine Noah's children were often embarrassed by the giant ship being built in their front yard. Yet Noah kept on trusting God.

Even as I write, there are a few things where the Worship Team and our private lives are concerned, where I need to place my complete trust in God.

In what areas of your life do you need to trust God completely? During our Vision Evening, we spoke about the immobilizing effect of feeling inadequate. If God has called you, He will equip you. I have believed this for many years! Whilst waiting for God to answer your prayer request, wait! Whilst waiting, trust in Him and have faith in His promises!

Trusting is an act of worship. Just as parents are pleased when children trust them, your faith makes God happy. The Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).