

Sermon Notes

Faith is Doing What God Says, Even If...

Hebrews 11:5-7

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

11:5 By faith, Enoch lived pleasing to God and did not see death.
(ref.: Genesis 5:21-24)
Enoch walked with God = to be pleasing to God

Consistently do what God wants.

It seems Enoch was different than most everyone else around him.

Be willing to consistently do what God wants, even if it makes you different than everyone else around you.

You will be pleasing to God.

11:6 It is impossible to be pleasing to God without trusting Him.

Trust the God of the Bible is the one true God.

Trust God is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Actively go after Him and his ways.

11:7 By faith, Noah constructed an ark. (ref.: Genesis 6:9-8:22)

Before the Ark, Noah was in the habit of doing what God said, even when nobody else around him was doing that.

Be willing to be different than everyone else around you, by making a habit of doing what God says.

Noah had not seen the things God was talking about, but he responded properly by doing what God said anyway.

Make a habit of doing what God says, even if it doesn't make sense to your reasoning at the time.

Living God's ways can save us from a lot of problems.

Noah's family was saved from the flood.

All the people not living God's ways were condemned.

Noah became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

What is your response to all this?

Application questions for 1/22/2017 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer.)

Currently, how consistent would you say you are at trying to do everything you know God wants you to be doing in your life? What area of life or what specific thing are you avoiding doing God's way?

What is holding you back from giving yourself to consistently doing what God wants?

If doing what God wants in your life would make you different than most everyone else around you, how might that be challenging to you?

Those of you who have already faced the challenges of being different and chosen to live life God's ways anyway, how have you overcome challenges like those spoken of in the answers to the previous question?

What makes living God's ways worth it to you?

Have you faced a situation where God was telling you something, in His word or seemed to be guiding you by His Spirit, which didn't make sense to your reasoning? What did you do and why? Did you see the wisdom of His ways later?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

If, in the future, you face a situation where God was telling you something, by His word or His Spirit, which doesn't make sense to your reasoning, how do you want to respond? Why, and how will you prepare yourself to respond that way?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

Is there something, right now, you know God wants you to do? What are you going to do?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Suggested question: How does looking at the lives of Enoch and Noah inspire you?