

Bible Besties, faith becomes visible through the way we live. Noah's life shows us what it means to take God seriously, trust His Word, and obey Him before we can see how everything will unfold.

Noah could not control the coming flood. He could respond faithfully to the God who warned him. We face that same daily choice: **Will we trust God enough to follow what He has revealed?**

Where does the Bible tell us about Noah and the flood?

- **Genesis 6:** Humanity's wickedness, God's warning, and instructions for the ark.
- **Genesis 7:** Noah's family enters the ark, and the flood comes.
- **Genesis 8:** The waters recede, Noah leaves the ark, and he worships God.
- **Genesis 9:1–17:** God establishes His covenant, with the rainbow as its sign.
- **Hebrews 11:7:** Noah is remembered as an example of faith.
- **1 Peter 3:20:** God's patience during the ark's preparation and the preservation of eight people.
- **2 Peter 2:5:** Noah is described as a preacher of righteousness.

- **Matthew 24:37–39:** Jesus uses the days of Noah to teach about readiness for His return.

Why did God say the flood would happen?

Genesis explains the condition of the world, and Genesis 6:13 records God's direct explanation to Noah.

1. **Human wickedness had become widespread - Genesis 6:5.** God saw the depth of humanity's evil. Sin had affected people's inner thoughts and desires as well as their outward actions.
2. **People's hearts continually turned toward evil - Genesis 6:5.** This describes an ongoing pattern of rebellion. What people welcomed in their hearts shaped the way they lived.
3. **The earth was corrupt before God - Genesis 6:11–12.** Humanity had corrupted its ways. God's assessment mattered even if society accepted its own behavior.
4. **The earth was filled with violence - Genesis 6:11, 13.** God specifically told Noah that violence was the reason judgment was coming. Human cruelty and the destruction of life were serious in His sight.
5. **Human sin deeply grieved God - Genesis 6:6–7.** The passage reveals God's sorrow over human wickedness. His judgment must be understood alongside His holiness and the ***grief*** expressed in the text.

God then told Noah that He would bring floodwaters upon the earth (**Genesis 6:17**). Yet He also promised to establish His covenant with Noah and instructed him to enter the ark with his family (**Genesis 6:18**). The account presents both judgment against sin and God's gracious provision for preserving life.

Life application: We must take seriously what God says about our hearts, our conduct, and the way we treat others. Faith includes believing His warnings and responding with repentance.

Wisdom nugget: *When sin becomes normal around us, God's Word must remain our standard.*

Noah found grace and walked with God - Genesis 6:8–9

Before the account describes Noah's work on the ark, it tells us that he found grace in the Lord's sight and walked with God.

His faithful life began with his relationship with God. Noah is described as righteous and blameless among his contemporaries, but that does not mean he was sinless. His later failure in Genesis 9:20–21 reminds us that even faithful people remain dependent on God's mercy.

For us, this connects with **Ephesians 2:8–10**: salvation is God's gift, received through faith, and those saved by grace are created in Christ for good works.

We do not earn salvation through obedience. Our obedience expresses the faith through which we receive God's grace.

Life application: Make walking with God a daily practice. Read His Word, confess sin, pray honestly, and put His teaching into practice in ordinary decisions.

Wisdom nugget: *A faithful public life grows from a daily walk with God.*

Noah believed God before he saw the flood - Hebrews 11:7

Hebrews explains that Noah responded to God's warning about events he had not yet seen. His reverence for God moved him to prepare the ark.

His confidence rested on the trustworthiness of the One who spoke. Noah's faith involved hearing, believing, and acting.

Hebrews 11:1 connects faith with assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction concerning what we do not see. **Hebrews 11:6** teaches that faith is essential to pleasing God.

Biblical faith trusts God's character and His revealed Word. It does not turn every personal desire into a promise God must fulfill.

Life application: You may not know how a difficult situation will unfold. You can still obey what God has already made clear: speak truthfully, love others, seek wisdom, pray, and refuse sinful shortcuts.

Wisdom nugget: *You do not need to see the whole outcome to take the next step of obedience.*

Noah's faith became action Genesis 6:14–22; 7:5

God gave Noah practical instructions: build the ark, follow its specified design, bring the creatures God directed, and gather food. Genesis 6:22 emphasizes that Noah did what God commanded.

Preparing the ark required work. Faith shaped how Noah used his time, energy, and resources.

James 2:17 teaches that faith without works is dead. Living faith produces a response. **James 1:22** likewise calls believers to put God's Word into practice.

Life application: After reading Scripture, ask, "What should change because of what I have read?" Perhaps you need to apologize, turn away from a sinful habit, help someone in need, or fulfill a responsibility you have neglected.



Noah followed God in a corrupt generation- Genesis 6:9–12

Noah's surroundings did not determine his standard of righteousness. He walked with God while the world around him was corrupt.

Romans 12:2 calls us to resist conformity to this world and be transformed through the renewing of our minds. Following Christ will sometimes mean making choices that others do not understand.

Life application: Be truthful when dishonesty would benefit you. Refuse cruelty when others laugh at it. Practice integrity when compromise would be easier. Treat people with dignity even when your convictions differ.

Wisdom nugget: *God's truth does not depend on how many people agree with it.*

Noah's faith included waiting - Genesis 7:24–8:19

The rain fell for forty days and nights, but Noah's time in the ark lasted much longer. The waters had to recede, and the earth had to dry. Noah eventually left when God instructed him.

Genesis 8:1 says God remembered Noah. This describes God's faithful attention and action toward him; it does not mean God had forgotten him.

Faithfulness includes patient endurance. **Hebrews 10:36** connects endurance with doing God's will, and **Psalm 27:14** encourages us to wait on the Lord with courage.

Life application: During an uncertain season, continue your daily responsibilities, seek wise counsel, and pray. Waiting on God can include taking responsible steps while entrusting the timing and outcome to Him.

Wisdom nugget: *A season of waiting can also be a season of faithful obedience.*

Noah worshiped after the flood- Genesis 8:20; 9:8–17

After leaving the ark, Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices to the Lord. His response to preservation was worship.

God established His covenant with Noah, his descendants, and living creatures, promising never again to destroy all flesh by floodwaters. The rainbow was the sign of that covenant.

Life application: Remember to thank God after the urgent prayer has passed. Keep a record of His provision and the ways He has sustained you. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** calls us to give thanks in every circumstance.

Wisdom nugget: *Let answered prayer lead you into deeper gratitude.*

3 Biblical words to remember

- **Faith:** Trust in God and His Word that shapes our response to Him. **Hebrews 11:1, 6–7**.
- **Grace:** God's freely given favor, which we cannot earn. **Genesis 6:8; Ephesians 2:8–9**.
- **Reverence:** A deep respect for God's holiness and authority that leads us to take Him seriously. **Hebrews 11:7**.

Scriptures to strengthen our faith

Scripture	Truth to remember	Practical response
Romans 10:17	Faith comes through hearing the message concerning Christ.	Make time to receive and study God's Word.
Proverbs 3:5–6	We are called to trust the Lord and acknowledge Him in our ways.	Bring your decisions before God instead of relying only on your own understanding.

Scripture	Truth to remember	Practical response
James 1:5–6	God invites us to ask Him for wisdom in faith.	Ask for wisdom before reacting to a difficult situation.
Mark 9:24	We can honestly bring our struggling faith to Jesus.	Pray for help when belief and doubt seem to wrestle within you.
2 Corinthians 5:7	Believers live by faith as they await being with the Lord.	Let your eternal hope shape today's choices.
Hebrews 12:1–3	We persevere by looking to Jesus.	Turn your attention toward Christ when discouragement grows.

The faith we need today

Bible Besties, Noah's story calls us to a faith that receives God's Word, responds with obedience, and continues through uncertainty.

That does not mean faithful people will escape every hardship. Hebrews 11 includes both people who experienced remarkable deliverance and people who endured severe suffering. Both groups are commended for their faith. **The strength of faith rests in God's faithfulness, even when circumstances remain painful.**

Consider these questions:

1. What clear instruction from Scripture do I need to obey?
2. Where am I allowing the behavior around me to shape my choices?
3. What concern do I need to entrust to God while taking responsible action?
4. How can I model faith for the people in my home?
5. Have I thanked God for the ways He has already sustained me?

Jesus also referred to Noah's generation in **Matthew 24:37–39**, warning that people continued their ordinary activities without recognizing the approaching judgment. His teaching calls us to spiritual readiness.

Our deepest need is reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ. **John 3:16–18** directs us to believe in God's Son, and **Ephesians 2:8–10** reminds us that salvation comes by grace through faith and leads to a changed life.



Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us through Noah the importance of trusting and obeying You. Search our hearts and lead us to repentance wherever we have welcomed sin or ignored Your Word. Strengthen our faith when we cannot see what lies ahead. Give us wisdom to act, patience to wait, and grateful hearts that remember Your mercy. Help us keep our eyes on Jesus and live in a way that honors You. In Jesus' name, amen

5 Faithful Action Steps We Can Take Daily

1. **Begin your day with God.**
   Pray before the day gets busy. Thank Him, share your concerns, and ask Him to guide your thoughts, words, and decisions.
   Scripture: Psalm 5:3
2. **Read God's Word and put it into practice.**
   Read a passage thoughtfully, then choose one way to apply it today, perhaps speaking honestly, forgiving someone, or showing patience.
   Scripture: James 1:22
3. **Trust God with your worries.**
   When anxiety rises, bring your concerns to Him in prayer. Take the responsible steps available to you while trusting Him with what you cannot control.
   Scripture: Philippians 4:6–7
4. **Show your faith through love.**
   Encourage someone, meet a practical need, or make time to listen. Let your actions reflect the love of Jesus.
   Scripture: Galatians 5:6; 1 John 3:18
5. **Keep doing good and give thanks.**
   Stay faithful even when progress feels slow. End your day by thanking God for His care and asking Him to help you grow where you struggled.
   Scripture: Galatians 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Wisdom nugget: *Like Noah, we put faith into action when we take God at His Word and follow through with obedience.*

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