

# God's Well-Seasoned Heroes Sunday PM 11/25/18

## Introduction:

Many lessons are learned over time. Those who are younger can learn from experience. They must everything themselves. Or from listening to others as they instruct us. We need to heed the words of Mark Twain, "We have to learn from the mistakes of others because we don't have enough time to make all of them ourselves." Older people have fought the battles, experienced the good and the bad.

### I) We Are to learn lessons from time, *Colossians 1.3-6*

#### A) Unfortunately, a lot of young people start out right but go the wrong way. Solomon

1. They stop listening to God and/or God's people.
2. It is hard to find old warriors. But there are some things we can learn from them.

### II) Noah, *Genesis 6.5-9, 22*

#### A) He kept the word of God.

1. His was an evil generation, *v. 6*
2. This was his chance to be a bright light, *Matthew 5.14-6.*
3. Who are we following? *1 Corinthians 8.5-6*

#### B) He did not get discouraged.

1. Preached 120 years with limited success. *2 Peter 2.5*

2. Yet he was saved because he did the job given by God. *Hebrews 11.7*

**C) Did not look at popular opinion- his friends, relatives, neighbors.**

**III) Abraham, Genesis 12.1-5**

**A) Here is a man who never retired.**

1. Look at what he accomplished as he was 75 years old.
2. Left his homeland, grew very wealthy, rescued Lot, *Genesis 14.13-16*

**B) He held nothing back, *Genesis 22.6-12***

1. All he had belonged to God.
2. Possessions are nice but not important enough to separate us from God.

**IV) Sarah**

**A) Made a big mistake trying to help out God. Impatience *Genesis 16.1-4***

1. God's time and our time are different.
2. God's word is sure, *Mark 13.31*.

**B) Nothing is too hard for God, *Genesis 18.9-15***

1. She eventually learned her lesson, *Hebrews 11.11*.
2. Today we must trust God, *Romans 8.28*

**V) Joseph, Genesis 50.15-21**

**A) Did not allow bad circumstances to make him bitter.**

1. Brothers thought about killing him, sold him into slavery, *Genesis 42.21*
2. Falsely accused of trying to rape his master's wife.
3. Put into prison and was then forgotten.

**B) Joseph made the circumstances better**

1. Are we the influence or are we being influenced?
2. Are we thermostats or thermometers?

**VI) Zacharias and Elizabeth, *Luke 1.5-7***

**A) God trusted them to rear John**

1. They kept the law, *Luke 1.11-15, 37*
2. They would teach their son to be dedicated to God.

**B) We must trust God with our lives and the lives of our children.**

**Conclusion:**

Some people get better with time and others worse. How about you?