

# BUILD THE BOAT

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## Verses

Genesis 6:13-14

John 10:27

Genesis 6:22

Genesis 6:14-15

Genesis 8:1

Genesis 8:13

Genesis 6:14

John 14:6

John 10:9

## Talk It Over

Read **Matthew 25:23**. Think of someone you know who is faithful. What are some of their qualities or habits?

Talk about a time when your expectations didn't match your reality. How did you process that experience with God and others?

Share openly about what God is doing through your life. Is there anything He has called you to do that you need to finish? What obstacles are getting in your way, and how will you choose perseverance?

Start the Bible Plan *How to Overcome Negative Thoughts* using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/negativity](http://www.go2.lc/negativity)

### 1. HEAR GOD'S VOICE CLEARLY

*So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. Genesis 6:13-14 NIV*

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27*

### 2. OBEY GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS FULLY

*22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him. Genesis 6:22 NIV*

#### Partial obedience is still disobedience

*So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: Genesis 6:14-15 NIV*

### 3. TRUSTING GOD'S TIMING PATIENTLY

*But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and He sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded." Genesis 8:1 NIV*

*By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. Genesis 8:13 NIV*

- **Waiting on God is part of walking with God.**
- **Patience positions you for blessing**

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### 4. SALVATION COMES BY GOD'S DESIGN

*So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out." Genesis 6:14*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me John 14:6 ESV*

*I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9 ESV*

The Hebrew word for pitch is "kopher," which comes from the same root as "kippur," meaning atonement (as in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement).

NO ONE IS PERFECT ALL ARE WELCOME