

Day 11

“It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God who warned him about things that had never happened before” (Hebrews 11:7, NLT).

“Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God” (Genesis 6:9). This is how Noah’s story begins. Noah lived out his faith long before the flood. Being called blameless does not necessarily mean perfect, which we know from Scripture, such as, “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight” (Romans 3:23–24). From this context, we can infer that Noah’s righteousness is based on his close relationship with God, not his own works.

Noah made his decision to follow God and be obedient to Him before God called him to do what likely didn’t make sense. *Noah, build an ark to escape the coming flood.* What flood? There had never been a flood before this time (Hebrews 11:7). Building a boat takes time. Building this particular “large boat” would have taken years. All the while, his neighbors would have ridiculed his strange behavior ... until the water began to rise.

Noah did not obey God when he saw the danger; he obeyed God when God commanded him. Noah had obeyed God in a multitude of daily decisions before God even commanded him to build the boat. Radical, bold faith begins with small, seemingly insignificant decisions to obey.

Are you choosing to obey God in the small decisions of daily life to ensure you are someone He can trust with acts of radical, bold faith—the kind of faith that inspires others and glorifies God?

How is God calling you to obey Him today? Will you respond with radical, bold faith?

Lord, I want to step out in radical, bold faith. Help me be obedient to You in even the small decisions to inspire others and glorify You.