



"Faith has a way of making the future present and the unseen visible."
– Donald Hagner, *Encountering the Book of Hebrews*

Question: To get us laughing, tell about the worst haircut, hairstyle or hair disaster you ever had.

Rescue: to save someone from a dangerous or distressing situation

Faith plays a very important role in our rescue.

Faith is the key factor in starting our journey with God initially, and continually.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved *through faith*, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

I Peter 1:5 ... through faith we are shielded by God's power ...

Hebrews 11:7

"warned" chrematizo: _____

Rescue comes through _____

TPT: Faith opened Noah's heart to receive revelation and warnings from God about what was coming, even things that had never been seen. But he stepped out in reverent obedience to God and built an ark that would save him and his family. By his faith the world was condemned, but Noah received God's gift of righteousness that comes by believing.

Genesis chapters 6-8

By Faith Noah Did Three Crucial Things:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Keys to Hearing God's Voice by Mark & Patti Virkler

Keys to Hearing God's Voice

- Quiet Your Heart
Psalm 62:1-2

- Train Your Heart to See Pictures
Matthew 13:10-17

Jeremiah 1:11-12

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which G has called you...

- Understand Spontaneity and Flow in Your Heart
John 7:37-39

- Journal What You See With The Eyes of Your Heart
Habakkuk 2:1-2

"God's voice sounds like spontaneous thoughts in your own mind while your eyes are fixed on Jesus." – Mark Virkler [Hebrews 12:1]

- Spontaneous Positive Thoughts are _____
- Spontaneous Negative Thoughts are _____
- Spontaneous Analytical Thoughts are _____

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The thoughts of your mind are analytical, calculated and full of reason.

The thoughts of your heart are spontaneous, emotional in nature, imaginative, create images.

God's spontaneous thoughts for you have your personality and style of expression just like the gospel writers; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Satan speaks with his own voice that is strong, accusatory, demanding or domineering.

God speaks in the first person and often uses your name. His thoughts and words are kind and gentle but can be cut-off or overruled by your reasoning

God's words have a different content; they are thoughts that are wiser than yours, more loving and more gracious than yours. Their intent or motive makes you wiser, more loving, and more gracious.

Further Study:

Day 1:

Practice hearing and seeing what God has to reveal to you through two-way journaling. Two-way Journaling is a tool that lets you stay in faith as you record what you hear and see knowing you can "test it" later.

- If journaling is new to you, the best place to begin is by writing a love letter to the Lord. You write one paragraph and then wait, listen, and record what you hear God saying/writing back to you. Picture Him with you and start his part out with, "My child, I love you too and" DON'T analyze or test it while you're writing, you can do it later.
- If you are comfortable journaling, you can do the love letter or simply ask God one of the following questions,
 - "Lord what you want say to me?"
 - "Lord what want say to me about _____?"
 - "Lord, where am I am bound and what kind of freedom do you want to give me?"Then wait, listen and record what you hear and see.

Day 2:

Read pages 55-66 in *How to Study Your Bible*. This section moves from Observation to Interpretation- see if you can apply some of the principles outlined in these pages to your study time this week. Study Hebrews 11:7-16 (Noah and Abraham) over the next 2 weeks.

Day 3:

If you have not already marked the verses in Hebrews 11:7-16 with keywords on your Observation Sheet, start there. Remember that the symbols/colors you use may be entirely unique to you, but keep them consistent throughout your study!

Day 4:

Read Genesis 6-10. This is the account of Noah and his family.

Referencing Hebrews 11:7, do the following:

1. Read Hebrews 11:7 in direct translation from the original Greek (Blue Letter Bible provides this in the "interlinear" section) and in several different bible translations (Biblegateway.com is a great resource for this). Notice any differences in the phrasing or wording between translations and the original Greek- dig in to find out more.

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2. Mark any words in this verse you would like to look up, and use any of the resources we've talked about (Blue Letter Bible, Vines Expository Dictionary, etc) as well as the word study guide on pages 165-176 of *How to Study Your Bible* (Appendix D).

Day 5:

Use Biblegateway.com to look for other references to Noah in scripture.

Consult commentaries and other resources after doing your own study and pray to learn more.

Day 6-7: Even Deeper

1. Noah's faith produced in him godly fear. If you did not do a word study on "fear" (or "reverence"), consider looking at the original meaning. Then read and consider these other verses about godly fear:

- a. Deuteronomy 6:24
- b. Psalm 31:19
- c. Psalm 112:1
- d. Proverbs 1:7
- e. Proverbs 14:26-27
- f. Malachi 3:16-17
- g. Luke 1:50
- h. Revelation 11:18

*this list is by no means exhaustive- if you want to, look for more!

2. Noah's faith also motivated him to action. Scripture tells us that we are saved by faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8), but also that, like Noah, a natural outflow of our faith is action. Read (and mark and study if you have time) Ephesians 2:8 and James 2:14-26.

Day 8:

The "righteousness that comes by faith" is part of our inheritance in Christ!

Part of what makes the book of Hebrews so special is how much the author connects the Old and New Testaments- allowing us to see both our heritage and promised inheritance as believers. The value of faith in the Kingdom of God has not changed since the moment of creation. As you read these Old Testament stories of faith, read and reflect on these New Testament verses on the righteousness that comes by faith:

- Romans 1:17
- Romans 4:13
- Romans 4:16
- Galatians 5:5
- Philippians 3:9

Day 9-10:

Read the stories of Abraham in Genesis chapters 12-32 as preparation for the next two teachings.

13-16 Patriarchs who lived & died by faith
 17-19 Abraham "walks out" his faith

Hebrews 11:13-22 20-22 Blessings & Hope for the Promises even in death

2Cor 1:20
 Phil 3:20
 1Pet 2:11
 13 ^{Pistis} All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen ^{Horao} them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Mt 6:33
 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are ^{Seek diligently} seeking a country of their own.

Mt 8:11
 Gen 24:6
 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that ^{UR/Haran} country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Ex 3:6
 Heb 11:10
 Wow!!! -> Striking Phrase
 16 But as it is, ^{covet After} they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them. "I Am not ashamed to be called ^{Sarah's} God"
 why? Because... 1) God has prepared a heavenly city 2) They DESIRE a better country

Gen 22:14
 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his ^{unique, only one} only begotten son;

Gen 21:12
 Rom 9:7
 18 it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called." ^{Isaac was the inheritor of the Promise.}

Heb 9:9
 19 He ^{calculate meditate on} considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. ^{Theos}
 Abraham knew God's promises to him. He believed that God would raise Isaac from the dead.

20 By faith Isaac ^{Pistis} blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. ^{eulogeo}

1 King 1:47
 21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, ^{Pistis} blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

Gen 15:13-16
 Gen 50:25
 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, ^{Pistis} made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

What is faith?

- Seeing the promises of God afar (v13)
- Desiring a heavenly Perspective (not of this world) desiring what God promises more than anything (v16)
- live according to faith. Faith is interwoven w/ our will & choices (v19)
- we must choose, by faith, to believe that God will forever be true to His word (v22) and covenant promises

Horao - See w/eyes, see w/mind, to perceive

Theos - The Godhead, trinity, The things of God

Pistis - Conviction that God exists & is the creator & ruler of all things. The character of one who can be relied on.

Eulogeo - To praise, celebrate w/ Praises. invoke blessings, to ask God's blessing on, Pronounce a consecratory blessing on