

1 | Believe the Word.

¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch." **GENESIS 6:13,14**

Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. He walked with God (Genesis 6:9). God told Noah that He would wipe out the rest of mankind because of their sin. He also told Noah to begin building the ark that would save him and his family from that destruction. In spite of this situation being unheard of, Noah believed what God had said. How can our faith be strengthened in the face of the unknown?

2 | Obey the Word.

²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him . . . ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. **GENESIS 6:22; 7:5**

Not only did Noah believe what God had told him, he also obeyed God's command. The ark was built over a period of more than a hundred years. Noah had to have the faith to build this huge structure slowly but surely over many years, believing that what God said would come to pass. What is one command from God that you obeyed or didn't obey?

3 | Preach the Word.

. . . if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly . . . **2 PETER 2:5**

Noah was a *herald of righteousness*. This means that he preached righteousness and warned people of God's righteous judgment upon a world that was ungodly. Being children of God, we too are heralds of righteousness to those around us. How can we encourage those around us in spite of not being sure of what's coming next?

APPLICATION

- Do you trust God to take care of your future? Would you like to put your faith in Him today?
- Noah believed and obeyed what God commanded him. What are two ways that you can deepen and hold fast to your faith in God in the face of the unseen?
- Ask God to show you someone with whom you can share His peace and courage this week regarding the unseen future.