

**Westlock Gospel Chapel   April 22, 2018**

**Hebrews 11 - Noah**

“Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present, and the invisible as seen”

- J Oswald Sanders

Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6-9

Noah built the ark, for God, despite what all those around him thought of him and how they treated him.

In his life we find 5 characteristics that made it so that he could make that stand, and do that work, for God. Similarly, as we do a work for God, with these 5 we as well will be able to make that stand.

1) He was **righteous** – which means being, and doing, right.

Genesis 6:9

Righteousness comes through faith

Romans 3:21,22; 2 Corinthians 5:21

2) He was **blameless** – not even any “appearance of evil.”

Genesis 6:9

1 Thessalonians 5:22; 1 Peter 2:12

As we are unable on our own, blamelessness comes through faith

Romans 7:18b, 19, 24, 25a

3) He **walked** with God – his way of life conformed with God’s desires

Genesis 6:9

1 John 1:6,7; 2 John 6; 3 John 3

We cannot walk with God unless we have faith in him

4) He was **obedient** – unconditionally

Genesis 6:22; 7:5

Obedience comes from love for God, and that comes from faith in God

5) **Faith**

Hebrews 11:7

God calls us to build an ark – to take a stand for him, like Noah, regardless of what the consequences will be.

What is your ark?

In Jesus’ life and death, he gave the ultimate example.

As Noah was saved from the flood, so we too can be saved, through Jesus.