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Application Questions:

1. Review the author's intention of Hebrews chapter 11 by reading 10:35-39 and 11:1-6. Why is faith so important? How did Abel exercise faith? How did Enoch exercise faith? If Abel illustrated a worshipful faith and Enoch a walk of faith, what one word would you use to describe Noah's faith?
2. Hebrews 11:13 describe all these men & women of faith as having "died in faith" not seeing the promises fulfilled but seeing them from "afar." What is required of us that it may be said that we "died in faith?"
3. Work through the seven ways that Noah had an obedient faith listed on the outline. Since our faith is only real if it is accompanied by works, how important is it that we obey?
4. Reread Genesis 6:5. How bad was the society that Noah lived? Now read 6:9. How did Noah live in that wicked society? Is it possible for us to live like Noah in such a wicked generation? (Read 1 Cor 15:33) Think about the old idiom "Birds of a feather flock together." What does this mean and what is the impact for Christians?
5. Why does the writer of Hebrews say that it was faith that allowed Noah to "receive" a warning from God about coming events of destruction? How important is "reverent fear" as a part of faith? (See Prov 1:7, 1 Peter 1:17)
6. Describe Noah's obedience in building the ark. How long did it take him? Do you think he (or his wife or kids) could have made excuses for not obeying?
7. Read 2 Peter 2:5. What do you think Noah did as he built the ark? Is there such a thing as a "quiet faith?" Or does faith require us to preach? Should our preaching involve warning people of the coming wrath of God?
8. Just like the ark was the only way to escape the wrath of God's judging flood, what is the only way we are to escape the coming of God's fury? (See Heb 10:26-31, 7:25, 10:10, 14) What saved Noah: his obedience or faith?

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