The Faith of Noah

Let Faith Arise – January 10, 2027 – Pastor Jason

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Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) *And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

This lost world, filled with people whom God made in His image, needs a church that is alive and vibrant with <u>FAITH</u> so they'll see Jesus lifted up and be drawn to Him.

Hebrews 11:1-7 (NLT) *1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. 4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. 5 It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. 6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. 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. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.*

For Noah, the evidence of his faith was <u>OBEDIENCE</u> and <u>TRUST</u>.

Obedience + Trust = <u>PEACE</u>.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NLT) *For we live by believing and not by seeing.*
(NKJV) "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Genesis 6:8-9 (NLT) *8 But Noah found favor with the LORD. 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.*

Noah found <u>FAVOR</u> with the Lord.

HANAN (favor): to bend or incline favorably toward someone, and to show them kindness and mercy. It describes looking upon someone with delight, and acceptance—representing an unearned or freely given gift. It's relational, meaning someone is seen, valued, and embraced by God.

Noah found favor because he walked in close <u>FELLOWSHIP</u> with God.

Psalm 1:1 (NIV) *1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.*

Noah's <u>FAITH</u> came from the <u>FAVOR</u> he experienced from his <u>FELLOWSHIP</u> with God.

It takes faith to please God, but you'll never get there – you'll never experience His favor on your life to make your faith effective – unless you first <u>COMMIT</u> to be in close fellowship with the One who made you.

"Faith is the gaze of the soul upon a saving God."
– A.W. Tozer

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed with a confident hope that believes in what it cannot yet see.
- Be blessed with a vibrant faith that will cause people to see Jesus in you.
- Be blessed with a tender heart that longs for close fellowship with the One who created you.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.