

Noah

Running with the Giants Part 1 of 8

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1. One person can make a difference.

“The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” ***But Noah found favor with the Lord.***” *Genesis 6:5-8 (NLT)*

“But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.” *Genesis 6:8 (MSG)*

2. Jesus followers impact their families.

“When everything was ready, the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous.” *Genesis 7:1 (NLT)*

“He led them out of the jail and asked, “Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?” They said, “Put your entire trust in Jesus. Then you’ll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!”” *Acts 16:30-31 (MSG)*

3. Jesus followers impact a generation.

“Next God said to Noah, “Now board the ship, you and all your family—out of everyone in this generation, you’re the righteous one.” *Genesis 7:1 (MSG)*

“This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors.” *Acts 13:36*

“He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.” *Luke 1:50*

4. Jesus followers make a difference for God.

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.” Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.” And he said, “Yes, go...”” *Isaiah 6:6-9 (NLT)*

“Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life.”” *Matthew 28:18-19 (MSG)*

Impact YOUR Sphere of Influence...

1. Don’t be afraid to stand out in a crowd.

“Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.”

Proverbs 29:25

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” *Romans 12:2*

“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God.” *1 Peter 2:9*

2. Don’t be afraid to do something for the first time.

“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.” *Hebrews 11:7*

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.” *James 5:14-17*

3. Don’t be afraid to share the good news.

“Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.””

Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG)

“And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” *Mark 16:15*

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” *2 Peter 3:9*

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