
Walking By Destruction (The Faith To Keep Your Head)

Walking By Faith

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Sermon: Walking By Faith: Walking By Destruction (The Faith To Keep Your Head)

Lesson Text

Hebrews 11:7 (KJV)⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Genesis 6:17 (KJV)¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

Philippians 4:6–7 (KJV)⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Introduction

So far in studying how to Walk by Faith, we've learned how to Walk by Sacrifice from Cain and Able, and to Walk by Impossibility from Enoch. Let's now look to Noah concerning Walking by Destruction.

What do you do when your world is being destroyed? When the very foundation of your life is being demolished.

When you're going through a fire, you can get escape. When you're in a storm, you can seek shelter. But what do you do when you're in an earthquake and there's no where to run? What do you do when you're in a flood, and you can't swim?

Noah teaches us how to walk by faith when our world is being destroyed; our family, our career, our livelihood, our ministry, or our church.

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Noah had to believe something that had never happened (warning). He had to do something that had never been done (build an ark). And he had to become something he had never considered (become an heir of God)

We all either have or will face some form of destruction in our walk of faith. Something or someone that started out with us, but will not finish with us.

And when this destruction happens, will we fold under the pressure, or prosper from it.

Poem: "IF" by Rudyard Kipling:

- If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you
- If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too;

- If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, Or being lied about, and don't deal in lies, Or being hated, and don't give way to hating.
- Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, and which is more you'll be a man, my son!

Today we will learn how to walk by faith and not to lose our head when our world is going through destruction.

Philippians 4: ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Series and Sermon: Walking By Faith: Walking By Destruction (The Faith To Keep Your Head)

(Warning before Destruction, Fear of Destruction, Righteousness from Destruction)

I. Warning Before Destruction (Prepare)

Hebrews 11: ⁷ **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet**, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Walking by destruction begins with a warning by faith.

We all face destruction of some kind; destruction of our comfort zones, destruction of our familiar zones, and even destruction of our safety zones. Why? Because walking by faith is always about leaving one place to go to another.

Genesis 12: ¹ Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country (safety), and from thy kindred (familiar), and from thy father's house (comfort), unto a land that I will shew thee:

You can never get to your future holding on to your past.

Philippians 3: ¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

And sometimes the only way to get to the future is to destroy the past; otherwise we may never let it go.

When you fail to walk by faith, you miss the warning: Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)¹⁸ Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

But when we walk by faith, God warns us before destruction to prepare you.

Hebrews 11: ⁷ **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet**

Noah had to believing something was coming that had never happened in the history of man; a flood was coming. Not only had it never flooded before, but it had never even rained before.

Amos 3: ⁷ Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

We don't panic, we pray: Philippians 4:⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

When you're prepared, destruction might happen, but it won't destroy you.

Psalms 34:¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth him out of them all
"I'm Prepared for Destruction"

II. Fear of Destruction (Protect)

Hebrews 11:⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, ***moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house***; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Walking by Destruction produces fear by faith.

We all have to deal with fear, but there is a bad/wrong fear, and there is a good/right fear.

Bad Fear: 2 Timothy 1:⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Good Fear: Proverbs 9:¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

Fear causes most people to stop walking by faith, and start looking by sight. And so they react to fight or flight. They either fight when God says hold your peace, or they run when God says stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. But it's the wrong fear.

Matthew 10:²⁸ **And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

The fear of man is the fear of destruction of one's resources, possession, or even one's life. It's the wrong fear.

But the fear of God is the reverence of God, the awesomeness of God, and the worship of God.

When we walk by faith, God protects us from the destruction.

Hebrews 11:⁷ ... ***moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house***;

Philippians 4:⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Psalms 118:⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? ⁷ The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

Psalms 91:⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Psalms 27:1 ¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

“I’m Protected From Destruction”

III. Righteousness from Destruction (Prosper)

Hebrews 11: ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and **became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

When we Walk by Faith:

- We’re Prepared for Destruction
- We’re Protected from Destruction
- We Prosper after Destruction

Most people when they go through destruction, they live in anger, sadness, and depression.

They can’t move forward, because they are living in the past, even though the past is destroyed.

But when you walk by faith, you live in your future, and your future is better than your past.

Why? Because in your future you are an heir of righteousness, and heir of salvation!

Romans 8: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Psalms 24: ¹ The earth *is* the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

1 Peter 5: ¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

Ecclesiastes 7: ⁸ Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

James 1: ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Psalms 66: ¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Walking By Destruction (The Faith To Keep Your Head))

Lesson Text

- Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6:17, Philippians 4:6–7

Sermon Outline

- I. *Warning Before Destruction (Prepare)***
- II. *Fear of Destruction (Protect)***
- III. *Righteousness from Destruction (Prosper)***

Questions: (What was your main takeaway from this message?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What is your favorite worship song and share what it means to you.
2. When a store has both types of checkout lanes available, which one do you prefer to use: a) self checkout; or b) lane with a human cashier?

II. Into the Bible

1. **Warning Before Destruction:** In Hebrews 11:7, Noah acted by faith after being warned by God about events “not seen as yet.” How does this passage, along with Genesis 6:17, demonstrate God’s pattern of giving warnings before judgment? How does 2 Peter 3:9, which speaks of God’s patience before destruction, further emphasize His desire for repentance and salvation?
2. **Righteousness from Destruction:** Hebrews 11:7 states that through Noah’s obedience, he “became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” How does Noah’s example compare to Abraham’s faith being counted as righteousness in Genesis 15:6? What does this teach us about the connection between faith, obedience, and righteousness in the face of coming judgment?
 - **Bonus:** Is God’s judgment the same today after Jesus’ ascension as it was before His birth? (See John 3:17; Acts 17:30-31).

III. Life Application

1. Imagine a warning God may give a believer in these modern times and write a story of faith based on it by completing this statement based on Hebrews 11:7: By faith, a believer in 2025 being warned of God _____ (what was the warning and what did they do by faith).
2. Why does walking by faith keep us from living in the bad feelings we may have from a destructive experience?