

Make An Impact Through Your Faith!
The Testimony Of Noah
Hebrews 11:7 / Genesis 6-9

Introduction:

1. What Kind Of Impact Are You Making With Your Life?
 - What Kinds Of Impacts Are There?
2. There Is The Kind Like:
 - The Impact Made On June 30, 1908 By A Huge Meteor In Siberia, Russia!
 - This Meteor Was Some 60 Feet Wide, Hurdling Toward Earth At 6 Miles Per Second & When It Finally Reached Our Atmosphere, It Exploded & Unleashed So Much Power, It Was Like 20 Megatons Of Dynamite Had Detonated!
 - It Completely Destroyed An Area 30 Miles Across – 830 Square Miles – 80 Million Trees!
 - Known As The “ Great Siberian Explosion!”
 - But, When They Began To Look For The Meteor, They Could Not Find Even A Piece Of It!
 - It Was Destroyed On Impact!
3. This Is Also Seen In The Lives Of People Who Want To Make An Impact On This World!
 - Alexander The Great - 2,300 Years Ago
 - Wanted To Make An Impact Through Power!
 - He Made A Big Impact!
 - Empire From Greece To India, Persia To Egypt!
 - But What Happened To Him?
 - Destroyed By His Own Impact!
 - Age 33 Died From Drinking To His Own Success!
 - Aaron Burr - Founding Of Our Country In 1700s
 - Wanted To Make An Impact Through Politics!
 - He Made A Big Impact!
 - Revolutionary War Hero / Adventurer / Politician - 3rd Vice President Of The US
 - But What Happened To Him?
 - Destroyed By His Own Impact!
 - After Killing Alexander Hamilton In A Duel, He Was Charged With Murder, Treason, Theft & Eventually Left The Country – Only To Return In Disguise & Die In Obscurity!
4. What Kind Of Impact Are You Making With Your Life?
 - Are You Making An Impact That Matters?
 - Like The Impact Of Noah!
 - Hebrews 11:7
 - The Right Kind Of Impact Made The Right Way – An Impact Of Faith!
 - Do You Want To Make An Impact?
 - A Real One? The Right One? The Right Way?
 - Listen To The Testimony Of Noah!
5. Hebrews 11 Gives The Testimonies Of Several Men & Women Of Faith – And Each Testimony Is Important!
 - But The Order Is Also Important – Each Person’s Faith Builds On The Faith Of Those Previously Mentioned!
 - And Deepens Our Understanding Of Faith!
 - Remember The Testimony Of Abel?
 - Only “ The Just Shall Live By Faith!”
 - Noah Was Also A Just Man & Received Faith!
 - Genesis 6:9a - “ Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations!”
 - Remember The Testimony Of Enoch?
 - Enoch Walked With God & Pleased Him!
 - Noah Also Walked With God & Pleased Him!
 - Genesis 6:9b - “ And Noah walked with God!”
 - Now, The Testimony Of Noah:
 - Faith Will Make An Impact!
 - Do You Want To Make An Impact?

**** When Faith Makes An Impact On You, Then Your Faith Will Make An Impact!***

* In Order To Make An Impact:

1. First, Faith Must Make An Impact On You!

- Before It Makes An Impact On Anyone Else!
 - Faith Made An Impact On Noah:
 - Hebrews 11:7a - “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark!”
 - Remember The Relationship Between Faith & God’s Word!
 - Romans 10:17 - “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God!”
 - Faith Only Comes By God’s Word!
 - Faith Is Only Built Through God’s Word!
 - Faith Is Revealed Through Your Response To God’s Word!
 - What Was God’s Word To Noah?
 - Genesis 6:13-22
 - By Faith, Noah Responded To God’s Word!
- God’s Word Was Regarded In His Mind! Didn’t Stop Here!
 - “Warned” - To Advise Through Divine Instruction!
- God’s Word Was Revered In His Heart! Didn’t Stop Here!
 - “Moved With Fear” - Stood In Awe Of God & What God Told Him!
- God’s Word Was Realized In His Will! Didn’t Stop Here!
 - “Prepared An Ark” - In Obedience To What God Said!
 - Genesis 6:22 - “Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he!”
- Faith In God & His Word Impacted Noah Completely! Mind / Heart / Will / Life!
 - And Faith Must Make The Same Kind Of Impact On You – Before You Ever Will Make The Right Kind Of Impact On Someone Else!
- Have You Ever Wondered, As A Result Of Faith:
 - Why You Don’t See Change?
 - Why You Don’t See Commitment?
 - Why You Don’t See Care?
 - Why You Don’t Even See Curiosity?
 - Is It In You? Has Faith Made An Impact On You?

*** When Faith Makes An Impact On You:**

2. Then, Your Faith Can Make An Impact!

- And Only Then!
 - Faith Made An Impact On Noah!
 - And Noah’s Faith Made An Impact!
 - 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!”
 - What An Impact Noah’s Faith Made!
- Made An Impact On His Family!
 - “To The Saving Of His House!”
 - Genesis 6:18 - “But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee!”
 - Genesis 7:13, 23b - “In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; / And Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark!”
- Made An Impact On The World!
 - “By The Which He Condemned The World!”
 - Genesis 7:16 - “And the Lord shut him in!”
 - Genesis 7:21-23a - “And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth!”
- Made An Impact On His Own Future!
 - “And Became Heir Of The Righteousness Which Is By Faith!”

- Through Noah, We See That Faith Can Impact Both:
 - In Ways That We Would Desire! (Family / Future)
 - Also In Ways That We Wouldn't Expect!
 - "He Condemned The World!"
 - How Did He Do This?
 - 2 Peter 2:5 - "A preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly!"
 - The More He Preached Righteousness, The More Their Ungodliness Was Displayed, & The Harder Their Hearts Became! What A Fruitless But Faithful Preacher! The Results Were Not His, They Were God's!
 - It Was God Who Provided Salvation To Only Noah & His Family!
 - So, Really, It Wasn't Noah Making The Impact At All – It Was God Making An Impact Through Noah!
 - The Results Were Left In The Hands Of God!
 - Noah Faithfully Obeyed The Lord!
- When Faith Makes An Impact On You:
 - Then, Your Faith Can Make An Impact!
 - Family / World / Future!
 - How Can Your Faith Make An Impact?
 - Through Your Belief, Words, Actions, Urgency, Use Of Time & Resources!
 - Faithfully Showing To Others What God Has Done To You!
 - And Then Leaving The Results In The Hands Of The Lord!

Conclusion:

1. The Root Of Noah's Impact:
 - Genesis 6:8 - "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD!"
 - When God Makes An Impact On You & Through You, It Is Because Of His Grace – He Is Working On You & Through You In Ways You Don't Deserve!
 - Hebrews 13:21 - "Working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight!"
2. ***When Faith Makes An Impact On You, Then Your Faith Will Make An Impact!***
 - It Did For Edward Kimball!
 - Businessman & Faithful Sunday School Teacher
 - April 21, 1855 Went To His Teen-Age Student's Workplace / Hesitated / Went In & Talked To A Boy Named Dwight Moody - Who Became A Fruitful Evangelist!
 - Moody - "I used to attend a Sunday school class, and one day I recollect my teacher came around behind the counter of the shop I was at work in, and put his hand upon my shoulder, and talked to me about Christ and my soul. I had not felt that I had a soul till then. I said to myself, 'This is a very strange thing. Here is a man who never saw me till lately, and he is weeping over my sins, and I never shed a tear about them!'"
 - Do You Want To Make An Impact?
 - Listen To The Testimony Of Noah!
 - Let Faith Make An Impact On You!
 - Let God Make An Impact Through You!

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