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Topic: The Faith That Saves  
Scripture text: Hebrews 11:7

1. Faith is vital for life and crucial if we want to please God (Heb 11:6). We need to understand what faith is all about and make sure we have genuine faith. It is easy to profess faith when times are good but trials may come to test whether we have true faith. Noah had faith in a difficult time, when the world was full of violence and sin. We can learn from Noah what is a faith that saves, a faith that works.

2. Firstly, faith is solely based on God's grace (Gen 6:8). If there is no grace, there can be no faith. Noah is righteous because of God's grace (Eph 2:8-9). GRACE can be called God's Riches At Christ's Expense. It is God's unmerited favour. We do not deserve it and ought not to have it. We are poor and depraved, and unable to save ourselves. Our entire salvation is dependent on God.

3. Secondly, faith comes by hearing God's Word (Rom 10:17). God spoke to Noah and revealed His will (Gen 6:13-21). Our faith will grow when we learn God's Word. It is not based on human's opinions but God's objective truth. We can trust in God and His Word.

4. Thirdly, faith is an obedient hearing. One of the characteristics of faith is obedience (Gen 6:22). Noah obeyed all (not some, not most) of God's instructions. There was no doubting and questioning of God. It was hard work to build the ark but Noah did not murmur or complain. He did not modify God's Word but took God at His Word. He took 120 years and he persevered despite the unbelievers scoffing and mocking (2 Pet 3:3-7). The faith that saves is an enduring one.