

## Running With The Giants 1: Noah

*(Hebrews 12:1 NIV) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*

**Noah would say... "One person can make a difference."**

*(Genesis 6:5-8 NIV) "The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD."*

### Making a Difference

#### 1. You can make a difference for your family.

*(Genesis 7:1 NIV) The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation."*

*(Acts 16:31 NIV) "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."*

#### 2. You can make a difference for your generation.

*(Acts 13:36 NIV) "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep."*

#### 3. You can make a difference for God.

*(2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*

*(Ezekiel 22:30 NIV) "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."*

## Noah's Words of Encouragement

✓ **"Don't be afraid to stand out in a crowd."**

*(Proverbs 29:25 NIV) Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.*

✓ **"Don't be afraid to do something for the first time."**

*(Hebrews 11:7 NIV) "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."*

✓ **"When you see a rainbow, remember that one person can make a difference."**

*(Matthew 28:20 NLT) "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

*(2 Peter 3:6-9 NIV) By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men... The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*