

“Don’t Miss the Boat”

FEAR

When you are obeying God, do not be afraid....

Do not be afraid of the unknown.

Genesis 15:1 NLT

...the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, “**Do not be afraid**, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.”

Do not be afraid of your enemies.

Exodus 14:13 NLT

But Moses told the people, “**Don’t be afraid**. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again.

Do not be afraid of unknown adventures.

Joshua 1:9 NLT

“This is my command—be strong and courageous! **Do not be afraid** or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Do not be afraid to share your faith.

Acts 18:9 NLT

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, “**Don’t be afraid!** Speak out! Don’t be silent!

Do not be afraid to stand alone.

Genesis 6:5-9 NLT

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. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, **the only** blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

Do not be afraid to make a **difference**.

2 Peter 2:5 NLT

And God did not spare the ancient world—except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God’s righteous judgment. So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood.

1 Peter 3:20-21 NLT

Those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Do not be afraid to **step out** in faith.

Hebrews 11:7 NLT

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**.

Responding in Faith

Hebrew 11:6 NIV

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 10:17 NIV

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world (*insert your name here*) that he gave his one and only Son (*Jesus, The Messiah*), that whoever believes in him (*insert your name here*) shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Romans 10:9 NIV

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 2:36-42 (NIV)

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **Those who accepted his message were baptized**, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Matthew 24:13 NLT

.....the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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