

Membership † Discipleship † Leadership

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”*

I am a member of _____.

“belonging to a congregation of believers who assemble themselves to be edified by faith that they may be fully equipped to do the works of God”

“ _____ ‘s Ark”

(Your Name)

† Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

We’ve all set goals that would bring us some sort of self-gratification. We’ve shared them with trusted sources that assured us that the plan was good. Life happens and within minutes the plan falls through. We revise the plan, list achievable action steps and attempt to execute the *new* plan. The problem is: we revise the plan but fail to *renew* our mentality. The plan goes astray when we fail to do it God’s way (Prov. 15:22). Noah’s Ark is a very popular Bible story but how many of us take heed to the lesson. In Genesis chapters 6-7, the Lord gave Noah precise instructions for building the ark. There was no point of reference. An ark had never been built before. For some, that’s exactly what God is doing in your life. He is trying to do something through you that has never been done before. *“I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth”* (Is. 43:19). When you’re “Advancing Beyond Average”, the average person can’t grasp what God is doing through you. If God is asking for an Ark, you have to start building His A.R.K.


Acccept His Plan † **Reverence His Presence** † **Keep His Promises**

Accept His Plan: *(Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go)* If God said it that settles it! Reorganize you mentality and revisit His plan. We all have plans that we’re very passionate about but there is a way *that seems* right (Prov 14:12). Noah was probably laughed at, ridiculed and misunderstood. He stuck to the plan and did according to ALL that God commanded of him (Gen. 6:22) cubit by cubit. He acted on what God said not what he saw. He didn’t see rain but it didn’t stop him from building the ark in preparation for the rain to come. He did what God asked of him because he was able to hear what God was saying to him. That comes through an established relationship. Noah wasn’t looking to be accepted by man, he accepted God’s plan for his life. Have you ever received instructions from God but when you shared it with others, their responses made you rethink if it was really God? Does their opinions have more value than God’s instructions?

† Romans 12:2 "... be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Reverence His Presence: *(Psalms 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?)* We go through various storms in life and want to give up and turn our back on God. After the storm is over we realize that He was with us all the time. Could you imagine enduring Noah's storm? After the storm was over and the doors opened, life as he knew was no more. One of the first things he did was build an altar unto the Lord. Sometimes, we get intimidated in the presence of man and can't seem to reverence the presence of the Lord. It's necessary to reverence His presence as an acknowledgement of who gets the glory. His presence is always with us but we should desire to reverence His presence. Psalm 73:28 says that it is good to draw near to God; trust in the Lord GOD, and declare all His works.

Keep His Promises: *(Numbers 30:2 If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth).* How many times have we accepted God's plan but don't carry it out? After Noah entered the ark, the Lord shut him in (Gen 7:16). When certain people or things are shut out of the plan, our commitment gets tested. So many things hinder us from building our A.R.K. (ex: fear, negative self-talk, and the opinion of others). Noah walked with God despite the opinion of man. God gives us so many chances. We continue to make promises to Him but continue to fall short. The Lord made a covenant with Noah and He kept His promise. We have to learn to keep our promises to God!

 Weekly assignment: This week, meditate on some of the promises you've made to God. Select one that you can fulfill this week and begin to build an A.R.K unto the Lord. There are many plans in a man's heart, but LORD's counsel will stand (Proverbs 19:21).

† Psalm 119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You."

<u>Day/ Week of</u>	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact? ex: Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and of good courage"
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 7-9	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 10-12	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 13-15	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 16-18	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 19-21	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 22-24	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Judges 1-3	

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