

WHEN GIANTS WALKED THE EARTH

About the Series: The first 11 chapters of Genesis are foundational to the Christian worldview. But when we read accounts that have similarities to myths and works of fiction, it makes one wonder if the Genesis account is really true or not. This series looks into these chapters to see what the Bible actually says and teaches, and explores the relevancy of its message for us today.

Part 6

Big Job, Better Faith

Genesis 6:9-22 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan | [Watch ▶](#)

DISCUSS

Many of us would admit we have faith in God, but unfortunately, our faith in the Lord is something we proclaim with our lips, but we do not live it out. Discuss the following principles for how to live a life of faith drawn out from the life of Noah found in Genesis 6:9-22

1. Living by faith requires us to stand apart from the world even if it means standing alone (v. 9-12).

- What was the condition of the people during Noah's time (v. 5-7; 11-12)? What made Noah different from everyone else in his generation (v. 8-9)?
- Would you rather stand for the Lord alone or do what everybody else is doing? Why?
- As a believer, have you experienced standing firm on your Biblical convictions against the wishes and expectations of the majority? Describe the experience and share what you've learned.

2. Living by faith necessitates us learning not to question God nor give excuses (v. 13-16).

- God gave Noah very detailed instructions in building an ark as long as one and a half soccer fields and as high as a four-story building, made of very specific materials. What did you notice about Noah's attitude as he received these instructions?
- Detailed as the instructions to build the ark were, what important parts did you notice were missing in the specifications? Why do you think God left those parts out?
- Was there a time when you found it difficult to follow God's instructions in His Word? What excuses did you make for why you could not do what was expected of you?
- What do you know about God that enables you to trust Him without question and obey Him without excuses?

3. Living by faith involves trusting God's Word while fulfilling his responsibilities for us (v. 17-21).

- What did God tell Noah about what He will do, and what promise did He give to Noah? Compare this to what God said to Adam and Eve. What similarities do you see?
- What did God say that Noah had to do to be saved from what was going to happen? How is Noah's response different from Adam and Eve's?
- God told Noah that he would be saved through the ark, but what responsibility did He still give Noah (v. 19-21)?
- As a believer, what are some promises God gave to you? What are some responsibilities you still need to fulfill as His child? How do God's promises help you in fulfilling them?

REFLECT

Take a long, honest look at how you are living your life. Are you living by faith like Noah, or is your faith merely lip service? Which of the three principles do you find difficult to follow? Are you connected to a church support group that can help you through the challenges of living out your faith? If you aren't, would you consider being part of one?

PRAY

Father in heaven, it's true that faith is hard to live out. It's difficult to trust and to demonstrate that trust through obedience. But I'm thankful, Lord, that time and again You've shown me that You are the Almighty, sovereign, all-knowing, unchanging God, and in being who You are You have given me

all the reason to trust You. Forgive me for the times I questioned Your ways and made excuses for not following You. I admit that many times I choose not to trust and obey because I fear feeling alone and standing apart from those I hold dear. Forgive me, Father. Give me the courage to obey, and in so doing let others know of the God I trust. In Jesus' name. Amen.