

When God Calls You Outside Your Comfort Zone

Noah built an ark. We look at that Scripture from a perspective that suggests Noah built an ark in anticipation for a flood though he hadn't experienced a flood before. How could he build something in anticipation for something he had never experienced?

Interestingly, Noah was not an architect. He was a farmer. (Gen. 9:20 references him as "a man of the soil"). Since Noah was a farmer, now comes the question, "How can a farmer by trade turn into an architect by grace?" To understand this narrative, consider this: When God speaks, a grace comes with what He has spoken and rests upon the receiver of that which was spoken. Consider 1 Peter 1:13: "Therefore guard your minds, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Noah's expectation to accomplish what God was inspiring him to do rested on the grace and not on his skill. Therefore, he built an ark, but it wasn't his job. What he built did not come from his area of expertise or familiarity. The grace that came upon Noah enabled him to leave his familiar zone and build from the faith zone. We are in a supernatural season, but we can become distracted with trying to build a God thing according to our talent, skill or background and not build from the grace that comes with the revelation.

What do you feel led by the Lord to build in this season? It may not match where you've come from, and you are waiting on a confirmation before you start. Consider that you may be in a 1 Corinthians 2:9 moment: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Meaning, although you may look to others for confirmation, they may not have the

understanding of their eyes, ears or hearts yet. This one is on God.

For more on this topic, listen to *Noah Built An Ark, But It Wasn't His Job* on my podcast, *The Believer's Exchange* on the Charisma Podcast Network. {eoa}