

## Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

When God commissioned Noah to build an Ark, Noah undoubtedly faced immense challenges in the face of the unknown. Together with his wife and three sons, along with their wives, they embraced an extraordinary mission, taking on a specialised task that had never been attempted before.

Can you imagine building a ginormous wooden tar-pitched vessel that had three different levels to house animals and other living creatures as well as yourself and your family; when you had never even seen such a vessel before?

Once built, Noah, his family and all the creatures commissioned by God were inside the Ark, and the rain began to fall. This was the first time that this family had ever seen rain. The rain continued to fall, and eventually flooded the entire earth.

It literally rained on the earth for forty days and forty nights, until every living thing that was not in the Ark, was wiped out. Eventually the waters rose so high that even the mountains were covered. The entire earth was covered in water for one hundred and fifty days.

Even though they had never experienced anything like this before, God was faithful; He kept His promises, and brought Noah and his family His relief. Noah and his family and all the animals eventually disembarked the Ark which rested on dry land again.

God went to great effort to preserve the lives of His righteous children; so He will go to great effort to care for you as His child. God is calling you to trust Him when you are facing the unknown. You may not know what your future holds, but He surely does.

He is a faithful Father, true to His Word, and does what He says.



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