

# WEEK 1: JUST LIKE NOAH, I CAN BELIEVE EVEN WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND

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## Noah | I can believe even when I don't understand

*"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." Hebrews 11:7*

### Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6:9-22

There is a reason toddlers drive their parents crazy asking "Why?" to **everything** they say. People crave answers and information; we are naturally curious. Remember how frustrating it was when your mom or dad's response to your question was "because I said so." From a young age, we want all the answers. Because of this it can be **frustrating** when someone shuts us down or we are not given all the information. The simple **truth** of being a **Christ**-follower is that we will never get all the information.

**God** told Noah in Genesis that He was going to send a great flood to wipe out the sinful people of the world. He gave Noah specific instructions on how to build a great boat that would save his family from the flood, but God did not tell anyone else. There was no rain in sight, yet everyone saw Noah building his ark day after day and likely mocked Noah for what he was doing.

The truth is, Noah did not know much more than the few **simple** instructions God had given him. He simply did what he was told because he believed in God and His plan. He did not ask "Why?" He did not need all the answers. He had **faith** – big faith – that what God said was **true** even though he had no idea how it would all play out.

This big, Noah-like faith – daring faith – forces us to go against our natural tendency to have all the answers. We have to be **brave**, take risks, step out of our

comfort zones and do the complete opposite of what the people around us are doing. We need to trust that **God** has all the answers even when we do not and that **believing** does not require seeing. It simply requires trusting.

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**Questions with space for them to respond in the book:**

1. Why is it hard for you to give over control and follow God with this kind of radical faith?
2. Sometimes we do not understand what God is doing until several years down the road. Has God ever done something in your life that did not make sense at the time, but now you see why He did it?
3. How can you step out of your comfort zone and be brave for Christ today?