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## **Never Done Before**

I know that you will ask that of me. **What will I ask of you?** You will ask me to go and do what I have never done before. **Why would I do that? How can you be so certain that I will ask that of you?** Not only that, but you will often ask me to go and do what is exceedingly difficult and demanding. Oh, why would you do that? Why am I so certain? You have already asked me to do what I have never done before. You have already asked to go and do what is exceedingly difficult and demanding. **Do you resent my asking you to go and do what will require your very best effort? Do you resent my asking you to go and do what will cause you to rely on me? Do you resent my asking you to go and do what will demand you place all your faith in me?** No, I do not resent you asking anything and everything of me. I am at your service. I am at your disposal. I am ready and willing to serve you. I will go wherever you send me. I will do whatever you ask of me. **Sometimes, it doesn't sound like that is true. Sometimes, you seem quite reluctant to go and do whatever I ask of you.** Yes, I know. At times, I have wavered. At times, I have been slow to get going. At times, I have had a "poor me" attitude. Forgive me. **You are forgiven. I am certain you would not want me to ask you to go and do what was simple and easy. You would not want me to ask you to go and do only what you could do in your own strength. You would not want me to ask you to do what did not require you to rely on and place all your faith in me. You want to know that I am powerfully working in and through you to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plans. You want to be able to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. Am I correct? Is all this true about you?** Yes, it is my hope and dream and desire to be used by you. So, I will take on any assignment you give to me. I will go and do whatever you ask of me. **That is very good.**

*Lord, it is no surprise to me that you have and will ask me to go and do what is difficult and demanding. Not only is that true, but you often ask me to do what I have never done before. By faith, I will rely on you. By faith, I will go and do whatever you ask of me. Amen*

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

NIV

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

ESV

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***It Was By Faith*

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NLT

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

NKJV

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

NRSV

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told. The result? His family was saved. His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, Noah became intimate with God.

MSG

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

[Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed *and* diligently *and* reverently constructed *and* prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment *and* sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir *and* possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).

AMP

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***Trusted God*

Noah was another who trusted God. When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world—which refused to obey—and because of his faith he became one of those whom God has accepted.

TLB

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

NASB

Hebrews 11:7

**Promises***By Faith*

It was by faith that Noah heard God's warnings about things he could not yet see. He obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family. By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.

NCV

Hebrews 11:7

# It Was By Faith

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Hebrews 11:7

**In Context:** *Read Hebrews 11*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, it is no surprise to me that you have and will ask me to go and do what is difficult and demanding. Not only is that true, but you often ask me to do what I have never done before. By faith, I will rely on you. By faith, I will go and do whatever you ask of me. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**Why can you be sure that the Lord will ask you to go and do what you have never done before?**

When has the Lord asked you to go and do something that was quite difficult and demanding?

When have you been the recipient of ridicule and scorn because you went and did what Lord asked of you?

**How much faith has been required of you to go and do what the Lord asked of you?**

Why will you never regret taking steps of faith to go and do what the Lord asks of you?

**How have you learned to rely on the Lord to help you to go and do what He asked of you?**

What fruit has your life born for the Kingdom of God because you went and did what the Lord asked of you?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

By faith go and do what the Lord asks of you so you can bear fruit for His kingdom.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to go and do what He asks of you.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are going and doing what the Lord asks of you.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you by faith go and do what the Lord asks of you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, by faith I will go and do what you ask of me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I respond by faith and go and do what you ask of me today?*

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