



But God... – Message 5

Announcements

- **Step Two – Essentials** // Sunday, September 11th at 12:45pm// LCC Annex, SSC Offices and GCC // Learn how to develop the essential habits that every believer needs to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. *Water Baptism Class will be held during this step.*
- **Reach Our Word** // Fulfill the Great Commission by going into the world and sharing God's Word in every nation, tribe, people, and language. For the Los Angeles Dream Center and Reach Our World Global information meetings.
 - **Little Creek Campus // Globe345**
Saturday, Sep 10 & 17 at 4:30pm

Warm-up

If you *had* to choose, which of the following would you prefer to encounter and why?

- Spider
- Snake
- Rat
- Cockroach

In our fifth and final message in the *Epidemic: Defeating Fear in Your Life* series, guest Pastor Herbert Cooper ends with a timely message on how God changes *everything* – including what makes us fearful.

Word and Application

Whenever God wants to do something supernatural in our lives, we have to get over the fear that paralyzes and stifles us from experiencing all God has for us.

Read Genesis 15:1, Exodus 14:13, Joshua 1:9, Matthew 1:20 and Acts 18:9. What is the common thread in these passages?

“Do not be afraid” is a phrase that is repeatedly mentioned throughout the Bible. Why do you think God makes a point to include this expression in these scriptures? Using the life of Noah as an example, let’s explore three areas in which we can’t be afraid.

1. Do not be afraid to **stand alone.**

Read Genesis 6:5-9.

The Bible describes the world as wicked and evil in God’s sight. Noah was the only blameless person living on earth during this time. Yet Noah was willing and determined to stand up for God, contrary to the entire world.

Share a time when you were willing to stand up for something even when everyone else stood for the opposite?

2. Do not be afraid to **make a difference.**

Read 2 Peter 2:5 and 1 Peter 3:20.

Although Noah was a faithful preacher of the Lord God, the people did not listen. Aside from him, only seven were saved from the flood. Similar to Noah, often time when you are trying to make a difference it may not look like you are making an impact in the lives of others.

What are some areas or relationships in your life where you have been faithful, but it doesn’t *appear* to be making a difference? Through Noah’s example, how can you be encouraged to continue in faithfulness?

3. Do not be afraid to **step out in faith.**

Read Hebrews 11:7.

Noah stepped out in faith through obedience to God. Is there an area the Lord is speaking to you to obey Him in?

What step will you take today to walk in faithful obedience to God?

Prayer

Pray for God to help you to exchange fear for confidence in Him. Ask Him to reveal any areas in which you need to stay faithful and obedient. Pray for the specific needs of the group.