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Can we make a legitimate difference in the circumstances in our own life?

Most of us would say, "of course I can make a difference."

Many Christians are spiritually tired.

We have faced all of life's struggles we can.

The world's problems are too great to make any realistic impact on.

Because of life's circumstances they are willing to just exist.

If they can just survive another day.

Let everybody else do their own thing.

I will stay out of their way if they will stay out of my face.

I will make it if nothing else is added to my plate.

What the Bible states about the overcoming life, victory, triumph, and conquest have little impact on them.

It would be grand if circumstances would change.

Deep within their soul is a desire to be able to conquer the perplexing circumstances that control them.

But, What are they to do?

There are too many problems.

The mountains are too steep

The valleys are too low

The rivers are too wide

What are we to do?

After Jonah, Noah is one of the best-known characters in the Old Testament

Watch Him carefully as he faces the challenges of bad circumstances.

In the midst of his trying circumstances, he was able to conquer the circumstances in his life.

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He no piers to encourage him.

He was alone with His God.

He had to learn to stand on his own.

From his conquest, we can learn the truths that we need to know so we can conquer our circumstances.

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Noah's world was in a critical condition.

I have often wondered how bad it must have been.

The scripture says that every intent of their heart was only evil continually.

The malignant growth of man's sin seemed to be widespread and unchecked.

It was inward, continual and habitual sin.

Man was utterly corrupt, bad in heart and in conduct.

But there was one man, Noah, who was different.

He was like a light in the darkness.

One Light, in the darkness.

Can you imagine One Light in a dark world?

This seems to be more than anyone could deal with.

We are surrounded with a multitude of people who are finding it hard to live for God in this world.

We all know spiritual drop-outs.

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Noah chose to hear and obey God's Word.

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Whatever else that could be said about Noah, we have to say that he was true to God's Word.

He was not forced to do this.

Noah had his options open.

He chose to listen and obey the voice of God.

He wanted what God wanted.

It seemed unimportant to him that he was alone in his commitment.

He was willing to enjoy the privileges and accept the responsibilities that went with his choice.

There is more to life than surface appearances.

Some people appear to be doing fine without considering what God has said.

Things seem to be going their way.

On the surface everything looks grand.

They appear to be happy.

They appear to have it all together.

For 119 years and 364 days, the God's Word did not seem important to anyone but Noah.

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After Noah found grace in the eyes of Lord, he was given instructions on the building and equipping of the ark.

Genesis 6:22 NIV Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

He conquered by following God's leadership.

Noah was an overcomer because he obeyed the Lord.

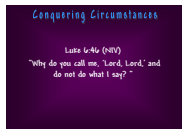
He was following God obediently.

Do you think that it still pays to trust and obey God's Word?

We can sing about it and talk about it without really believing it.

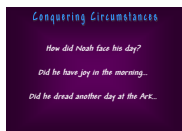
Noah knew that he must obediently follow the Lord.

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Jesus said in Luke 6:46 (NIV) "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

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How did Noah face his day?

Did he have joy in the morning...

Did he dread another day at the Ark...

Noah was joyfully following God.

Imagine Noah spending all his waking hours for nearly 120 years making an ark out of gopher wood.

Do you think He was joyful or was he tired of gopher wood?

Can you imagine him getting up in the morning and complaining that he had to work on the Ark again today?

I'm tired of gopher wood.
Why won't God let me use oak or pine?
I could really do something fantastic with walnut.

Do you think it was possible for Noah to joyfully face another day making an ark out of gopher wood?

Why do I have to go to work and face all of that criticism?

Nobody likes me.

Nobody believes in what I'm doing.

Remember, nothing can bring you as much joy as being exactly in the center of God's plan for your life.

Nothing can compare with it.

The scripture is clear about Noah's attitude during those days.

He was Noah on the spot.

He was ready to do the will and work of God.

If you want to conquer circumstances, then you must follow God's leadership.

Third, circumstances can be conquered by looking past them and seeing God.

Many people have eye trouble when it comes to trusting God.

They can only see the difficult circumstances.

It is not that they see too much, but they see too little.

Noah had the capacity to see past the wicked and corrupt world in which he lived and to see God.

He could see God working.

He knew God was about to do something wonderful.

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Have you seen the handiwork of God in your life?

God is here in your life.

He is right in the middle of your circumstances.

For at least 120 years Noah was convinced that he plus God constituted an over-whelming majority because God is always victorious.

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You may be saying, “My circumstances are really lousy.”

“God can’t be within a hundred miles.”

“I am the only one with any faith and my faith is weak.”

“My little light is not enough to dispel this great darkness.”

You need to put your trust in God.

You can conquer the circumstances in your life if you will yield in faith to God.

He will make you more than a conqueror.

He knows how to make you triumph.

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What is going on in your life?

Are you threatened by your circumstances?

Has evil become too strong all around you?

If you don’t know what to do, you need to turn it over to Jesus.

He knows how to bring you out.

Noah found grace in the sight of God.

But that does not tell the whole story.

God’s grace was sufficient to get Noah out of a terrible situation.

He turned His life over to Him who was able to keep Him.

There was safety in that ark that God told Noah to build.

There was deliverance for Him.

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There is a place of protection from the storm.

There is deliverance from your circumstances.

But, you must turn your life over to the Lord.

His grace is sufficient for you. He can bring You out.

Your circumstance can be conquered today.

We believe God has the answer for our nation.

We believe God can turn things around in your life.

He can change circumstances in your family.

He can change your health.

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You need to be true to God's Word.

You need to hear what He has said and obey it.

You need to follow God's lead.

You have to get your eyes off of your circumstances and look to God for your help.

This is why we are going to pray.

We believe God will intervene.

We believe His grace is sufficient.

We believe He is able to do it.

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