B.C. Part 2- The Difference Between an Ark and a Row Boat

...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

We will not stand firmly on anything that we have not resolved in our spirit to be <u>absolutely true.</u>

5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:5-6

24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. Genesis 5:23

It is the life that comes <u>after</u> our initial faith that determines whether or not the nature of our faith is <u>genuine</u>.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, Colossians 2:6

We all have a God given task that is <u>required</u> of us in order to fulfill God's calling on our lives.

Slides only "The God who is spoken of in the Bible exists and He is who He says he is."

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Tim. 6:18.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. Hebrews 11:7

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. James 4:17

The difference between an <u>ark</u> and a <u>row boat</u> is the amount of faith it takes to build each.

One of the greatest <u>practical acts</u> of faith in all of history is Noah's cutting down the first tree.