

IN TOUCH

INCREDIBLE HULK AND NOAH

Dear Friend:

Do you remember hearing about or seeing the Hulk, the big green muscle man? He was popularized for years before Lou Ferrigno played the character on the 1978 T.V. show, *The Incredible Hulk*. There was no job too big and nothing too heavy that the Hulk could not lift! Clearly he was a super hero with super strength.

This Sunday, as I continue to preach through the sermon series "Super Heroes", we are going to look at Noah...an incredible hulk super hero. He built a super ark. Can you imagine how much lifting he did? The ark was 300 yards long, 75 feet wide, and 50 feet high. The ark is the largest wooden ship ever built. It literally could hold 450 truckloads (tractor-trailer) of cargo. What makes Noah a super hero? First of all, like the Hulk, Noah had super strength to do the job assigned. Noah laid 3.1 million board feet of timber. How's that for some heavy lifting? If you want to be God's super hero, he will always give you the strength to do that which he assigns you. Second, Noah believed God could accomplish the impossible. In a way, I think Noah's faith had to be stronger than David's faith. At least David saw Goliath and knew what his weapons were. Noah had never heard of an ark and never saw rain. Nothing God asked Noah to do had ever been seen before! Third, Noah completely ignored the naysayers. Can you imagine what his neighbors said and what even his own parents and siblings said? I cannot imagine but I would guess "insane" was one word used to describe him.

Do you have any Incredible Hulk character traits spiritually speaking? I hope so. When was the last time you really tried accomplishing the impossible for God? I have some opportunities for you, just ask. Can you hear God's voice above the naysayers? Let God stretch you AND listen to him, not the naysayers!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike

Prayer: Clarabell Harlan (recovering), Pastor Alan Hicks (colon cancer), Faye Cooper (at home, recovering)