

Fr. Michael's Seeds of Hope #3—Noah's Ark

Today's seed drama is a reflection on Noah's Ark.

You may not have realized that the story of Noah's Ark offers many wise observations we can still use today. For instance, here are 12 of them.

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
2. Take it from 600 year old Noah—You're never too old for God to use you.
3. Don't listen to the critics—do what has to be done.
4. Build on high ground and follow God's directions.
5. Follow the animals' advice: it's safer to travel in pairs.
6. We all need to learn to get along—otherwise, it's sink or swim.
7. Faster isn't always better. (Remember, the cheetahs were on board—but so were the snails.)
8. Don't miss the boat—come on board with the Lord!
9. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
10. Realize that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm OUTSIDE.
11. Your present situation may stink, but considering the outside alternative, you might want to try and make the best of it.
12. When rainy days seem to go on and on and on, just look for the rainbow—for the sign of God's hope.

So the next time the storms of life have you running for cover, learn from the lessons of Noah and the ark. And take comfort in knowing that we're all in the same boat.

Amen? Amen!

For Further Reflection:

- 1. Which one of these "lessons" do you need to work on remembering?***
- 2. Which one of these "lessons" is easy for you to remember***

"Then the Lord said to Noah. "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for you alone in this age have I found to be truly just." Genesis 7:1