

## Can we PLEASE God? ~ Hebrews 11:4-6

→ Scripture Reading Heb. 11:1-2, 4-6

### INTRODUCTION

→ This bridge is made entirely of interlocking and woven ropes.

→ Biblical FAITH requires that we stake our lives on the TRUTH of God's Word.

### Abel a RIGHTEOUS man by FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:4

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

**Genesis 4:3-5** (NIV) In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor ON Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

The Bible never says there was anything inherently superior in Abel's offering. Abel was RIGHT with God and his offering was a demonstration of his FAITH. Expositor's

**Matthew 23:35** (NIV) ...all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of RIGHTEOUS Abel to the blood of Zechariah...

**1 John 3:12** (NIV) ...Cain, who **belonged to the evil one** and murdered his brother... Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were RIGHTEOUS.

### IMPLICATION

<sup>4</sup> It was by FAITH that Abel brought a more ACCEPTABLE offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a RIGHTEOUS man... (NLT)

### Enoch PLEASED God ~ Hebrews 11:5-6

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

**Genesis 5:22** (NIV) And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch Walked WITH God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

**Genesis 5:24** (NIV) Enoch Walked WITH God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

To Walk WITH - is to Accompany, to go along with

## IMPLICATION

**Genesis 5:23-24** (NLT) Enoch lived 365 years, <sup>24</sup>WALKING in close fellowship WITH God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.

Our faith in God grows as we fellowship with God. We must have both the DESIRE to please Him and the DILIGENCE to seek Him. Wiersbe

**Amos 3:3** (NIV) Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

**Colossians 3:1-2** (NAS) ...keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, NOT on the things that are on earth.

<sup>2</sup> Give your heart to the heavenly things, NOT to the passing things of earth. (JBP)

**Walking TOGETHER Requires Agreement on...** KHughes

- the **PLACE** - WHERE are we going?
- the **PATH** - HOW will we get there?
- the **PACE** - in STEP with GOD

## TAKE AWAY ??

By **Faith** Abel - was a **Righteous** man and brought God a pleasing Sacrifice

By **Faith** Enoch - **Walked** WITH God because God was Pleased with Him

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→The **REWARD** is **RELATIONSHIP**