

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

¹ Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:4 (NLT)

⁴ 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...

Hebrews 11:4 (NLT)

...and God showed his approval of his gifts.
Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks
to us by his example of faith.

Hebrews 11:5 (NLT)

⁵ It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying he disappeared, because God took him. For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith.
Anyone who wants to come to him must believe
that God exists and that he rewards those
who sincerely seek him.

**Can we PLEASE
God?**

Hebrews 11:4-6





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

Genesis 4:3-4 (NIV)

In the course of time **Cain** brought **some of the fruits of the soil** as an offering to the LORD.

⁴ But **Abel** brought **fat portions** from some of the **firstborn of his flock**.

Genesis 4:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ ...The **LORD** looked **with favor ON Abel** and **his offering**, ⁵ but on **Cain** and his **offering**
He did **not look with favor...**

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.

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.**

⁴ 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)

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

Genesis 5:23-24 (NLT)

Enoch lived 365 years, ²⁴ **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.

² Give your **HEART** to the heavenly things,
NOT to the passing things of earth. (JBP)

Walking TOGETHER Requires Agreement on...

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

...keep seeking the things above,
where Christ is...

...Set your mind on the things above,
NOT on the things that are on earth.

Give my **HEART** to the **heavenly** things,
NOT to the **passing** things of earth.

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

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.

→ The Reward is - **RELATIONSHIP**