



Looking at some of the heroes from Hebrews 11.

ABEL

By faith Abel offered God a greater sacrifice than Cain, and through his faith he was commended as righteous, because God commended him for his offerings. And through his faith he still speaks, though he is dead.

Hebrews 11: 4

BIBLE READING PLAN:

Read Hebrews 11: 4

- What are the **key phrases** that stand out to you in this passage?

Read Genesis 4: 3-6

- As you read this passage, ask Holy Spirit to help you with personal revelation through the following phrases and what they might mean:
 - a. "At the designated time" (v 3)
 - b. Abel brought "the best portions" of the firstborn lambs from his flock. (v 4)
 - c. "You will be accepted if you do what is right." (v 7)
 - d. "Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you." (v 7)

Read Matthew 23: 23-28

- What do you think Jesus is teaching us by mentioning the tithing of the Pharisees?
- Are there areas of your life that look good on the outside, but not so good on the inside?

Read 2 Samuel 24: 24

- In the context of this chapter, what is David teaching us about making an offering?
- How can you translate this into your lifestyle of worship?

ADDITIONAL READING:

Read Hebrews 11: 17-19 and Genesis 22: 1-18

- Consider what you might **learn about faith** through these two additional passages.

PERSONAL DEVOTION PLAN:

Now without faith it is impossible to please him, for the one who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11: 6

Read Hebrews 11 again, (this time, try a different translation)
What are ways that you find it effective to "approach God"?
How can you practice this during your week?

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Hebrews 11: 4

From the Sunday message and the testimonies shared, what key thoughts can you apply to your personal faith journey?.

Connect with your "buddy" for support and accountability.

- Together, discuss what God is saying to you in this season of your faith journey.
- What is the response of faith you feel God is asking you to make?
- How can we encourage others in faith, as the stories of Hebrews 11 encourage us?

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

As you pray, give thanks to God for His amazing promises He has laid before you.
(If you don't feel you have any promises, read Ephesians 1: 3-6 in the Message.)

Ask for guidance and wisdom of how you can bring an acceptable offering of worship to God.

Pray for each other and speak God's blessing over each other. Suggest using scripture:

- Numbers 6: 24-26
- Ephesians 2: 4-10
- Jude 1: 24-25