

# HEROS: ABEL

## Hebrews 10:38

Now the just shall live by faith

## Hebrews 11

Now faith is being sure we will get what we hope for. It is being sure of what we cannot see. <sup>2</sup> God was pleased with the men who had faith who lived long ago. <sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that the world was made by the Word of God. Things we see were made from what could not be seen.

## Hebrews 11:4

<sup>4</sup> Because Abel had faith, he gave a better gift in worship to God than Cain. His gift pleased God. Abel was right with God. Abel died, but by faith he is still speaking to us.

## Faith is how I:

STEP — GIVE — TRUST — SPEAK

### 1. STEP (Obedience)

I move when God speaks—even when it doesn't make sense

"Delayed obedience is disguised unbelief"

### 2. GIVE (Priority)

I give God my first, not my leftovers

- Time
- Energy
- Resources

"If it doesn't cost you trust—it's not faith yet"

### 3. TRUST (Waiting)

I believe God is working—even when I don't see it

"Just because God is silent doesn't mean God is still"

### 4. SPEAK (Confession)

I talk like I trust God

- Not fear-driven
- Not doubt-filled

"Faith talks different before life looks different"

**"Cain gave what was LEFT... Abel gave what was FIRST."**

### **Cain:**

- Gave **some**
- Gave **later**
- Gave what was **easy**

### **Leftovers**

### **Abel:**

- Gave the **firstborn**
- Gave the **best portions**
- Gave in **faith**

**It wasn't about the offering in their hands, it was about the faith in their heart."**

## **POINT 1: GOD VALUES WHAT MAN OVERLOOKS**

### **Hebrews 11:4**

"By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did..."

Let's be clear Abel wasn't louder than Cain  
He wasn't more visible than Cain  
But **his heart was different.**

But Abel teaches us: **Faith always gives God your first, not your leftovers**

## **POINT 2: RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL ATTRACT RESISTANCE**

### **Genesis 4:8**

"Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him."

Let that sink in...

Abel did nothing wrong...And still got attacked.

He honored God—and it cost him his life

### **Reality Check**

Not everyone will celebrate your obedience  
Not everyone will clap for your faith.

## **POINT 3: GOD HEARS WHAT NO ONE ELSE DOES**

### **Genesis 4:10**

"Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."

Abel never defended himself  
Never fought back  
Never got justice on earth...  
But God said:  
"I hear him."

## **ABEL POINTS US TO JESUS**

Abel's story doesn't end with Abel...  
It points forward.

### **Hebrews 12:24**

"...to Jesus... and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

Abel's blood cried out for:

Justice

Judgment

But Jesus' blood cries out for:

Mercy

Forgiveness

Redemption

### **Preaching Line:**

"Abel's blood said, 'Someone must pay.' Jesus' blood said, 'I already did.'"

**Abel was an innocent man...Killed by a guilty brother...**

Jesus was the **perfect**

**Son** Killed by guilty humanity