Heart-to-Heart

Abel’s Story: The Worthiness of a Sacrifice

Week 2 | September 27, 2018

**Question:** What is your very favorite thing about the fall season?

**Hebrews 11:4**

NIV: By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

TPT: Faith moved Abel to choose a more acceptable sacrifice to offer God than his brother Cain, and God declared him righteous because of his offering of faith. By his faith, Abel still speaks instruction to us today, even though he is long dead.

Google’s Definition of Faith: Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

**Genesis 3:17-19**

Real trust can only grow out of a real love relationship with God.

**Genesis 4:1-18**

What is “crouching at your door?”
Is something crouching at the door of your heart, trying to rule you?
1 John 3:6 No one who lives in him (God the Father) keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Further Study:

1. Read pages 25-40, 161 and 163 in How to Study Your Bible


3. Read it again! Include 2-3 verses at the end of chapter 10 and beginning of chapter 12 and note if/how the author transitions between themes/topics. After this second reading write down any themes or “big idea” key words on the top of your observation sheets.
   a. Even Deeper: Read the whole book of Hebrews. Then read it again. Write down themes, and consider the 5Ws and an H- is there anything more you can see in the text?

4. Look specifically at Hebrews 10:35-11:3
   a. Use your key words chart to start marking your observation sheets. Note any words you may want to look up for original language definitions later.
   b. Use a resource (Blue Letter Bible, Vines Expository Dictionary, Concordance, Google, etc. You can also use pg. 174 in How to Study Your Bible for additional resources) to look up FAITH in the original Greek. Write the definitions on your observation sheets. Do any of these definitions have special meaning to you? Consider the verses you read last week in further study on faith in light of this definition.
   c. Even Deeper
      i. Read these verses in several different translations (biblegateway.com is a great resource for this!). Note similarities and differences in the text- do any translations reveal something new?
      ii. Look up CONFIDENCE in the original Greek. Consider this definition in context of Hebrews 10:35
      iii. Look up DRAW BACK (Hebrews 10:38,39). Are there any specific correlations you can draw to “Confidence”? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal places in your life or your heart where you draw back or lack confidence.

5. Read Romans 6. Journal about the verses that the Holy Spirit points out to you. Write down how you will apply them to your life.