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Everyday People, Extraordinary Faith

Abel: Faith to Sacrifice

Hebrews 11:4-6

The first everyday person introduced in chapter 11 is Abel. Abel's faith is connected to his sacrifice made in Genesis 4:4, where it is stated that his sacrifice was accepted by God. Throughout the Bible, believers are called to sacrifice, not to acquire faith, but as a demonstration of our faith.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 4:1-7

Psalm 24:1

Mark 10:17-22, 12:41-44

James 1:17

Philippians 4:19

Hebrews 12:24

Outline:

1. Sacrifice places God first.

2. Sacrifice trusts God wholly.

3. Sacrifice affirms God's faithfulness.

Study Questions:

1. How is Abel's sacrifice different than Cain's? Why was Abel's sacrifice more acceptable?

2. How does sacrifice speak to internal motivation? How is that seen in the stories of the rich young ruler and the poor widow?

3. Why are believers called to place God first? What does this look like in your daily life?

4. How does sacrifice require believers to trust God? What is the biggest sacrifice you ever made for God? How did that demonstrate your trust in Him?

5. How do God's promises and faithfulness encourage believers to live sacrificially? Which comforts you the most?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?