

IS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD? ~ Hebrews 11:4-7

→ Scripture Reading Heb. 11:1, 4-7

INTRODUCTION

→ Pictures of the Bridge

→ Biblical Faith requires that we stake our lives on the truth of God's Word.

ABEL'S FAITH AND OBEDIENCE ~ Hebrews 11:4

[4] By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

Genesis 4:3-5 (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. **The LORD looked with favor ON Abel and his offering**, [5] but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

APPLICATION

ENOCH'S FAITH PLEASED GOD ~ Hebrews 11:5-6

[5] By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. [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.

Gen. 5:22 (NIV) And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch **WALKED WITH GOD** 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

Gen. 5:24 (NIV) Enoch **WALKED WITH GOD**; then he was no more, because **God took him away**.

APPLICATION

Amos 3:3 (NIV) Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

Colossians 3:1-2 (NASU) ...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.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) **Come to ME**, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest**. [29] Take MY YOKE upon you and LEARN from ME, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find REST for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Walking Together Requires Agreement on... K. Hughes

- the PLACE
- the PATH
- the PACE

RESULT of Walking with God - a Close and Intimate Relationship with Him

NOAH'S BOLD FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:7

[7] By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Genesis 6:9 (NIV) ...Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Genesis 6:22 (NIV) Noah did EVERYTHING **just as** God COMMANDED him.

APPLICATION

➔ BOLDNESS - NOT - RUDENESS

WE MUST...

- Stand FIRM in our FAITH
- BOLDLY & OBEDIENTLY LIVE out our FAITH Everyday

TAKE AWAY ??

FAITH is Believing...

- God is WHO He says HE is
- God DOES WHAT He Promises to do