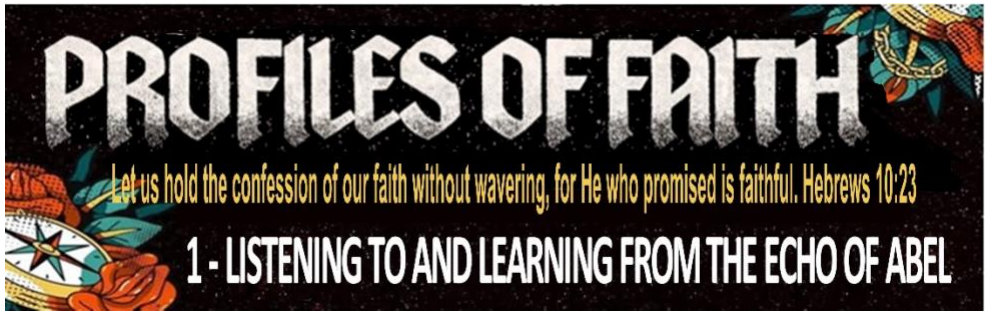

All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end. **1 Corinthians 10:11** TLB

But the person who is righteous will live his life by trusting, and if he shrinks back I will not be pleased with him." [39] However, we are not the kind who shrink back and are destroyed; on the contrary, we keep trusting and thus preserve our lives! **Hebrews 10:38,39** CJB

Because Abel had faith, he offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God was pleased with him and his gift, and even though Abel is now dead, his faith still speaks for him. **Hebrews 11:4** CEV

IF I AM LISTENTING TO ABEL'S VOICE, I WILL KNOW THAT…

1. **MY _____ IS NOT AN _____ TO SAVING FAITH.**

Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain…" [2] Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but. **Genesis 4:1,2** NIV

2. **NOT ALL KINDS OF FAITH ARE _____ FATIH.**

- **Was Cain a believer in God? _____ Yes _____No**

…*what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show you really do have faith? Can this kind of faith save you?* **James 2:14** CEV

Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. [23] And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. **James 2:21-22** NLT

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? [17] And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? [18] And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? [19] So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. **Hebrews 3: 16-19** NIV

3. **NOT ALL KINDS OF GIFTS ARE _____ TO GOD.**

So it came about [1] in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord from the fruit of the ground. [4] Abel, on his part also brought an offering, from the firstborn of his flock and from their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering; [5] but for Cain and his offering He had no regard…. **Genesis 4:3-5a**

- **Three components of an acceptable offering to God:**

  The _____ of my offering: First or Second?

  The _____ of my offering: Best – or the Rest?

  The _____ behind my offering: Adoration or Obligation?

4. **THE KIND OF FAITH I _____ DETERMINES THE KIND OF GIFT I _____.**

We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. **1 John 3:12** NLT

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. [9] You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. [10] Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. **Malachi 3:8-10** NIV

5. **REPENTANCE IS A _____ AND MY PATH TO _____ FAITH.**

… This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. [6] "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? [7] You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master." **Genesis 4:5b-7** NLT

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?